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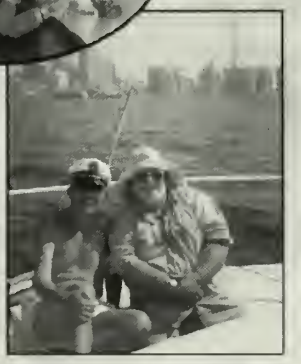

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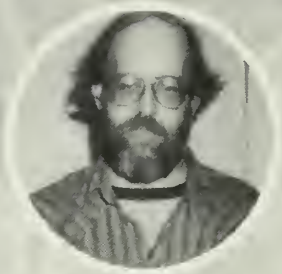

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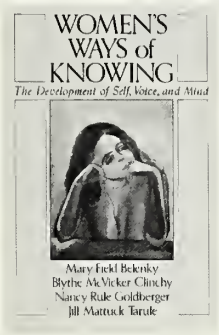

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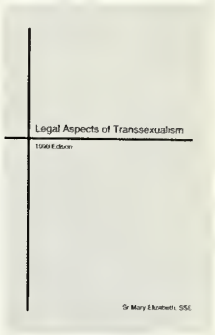

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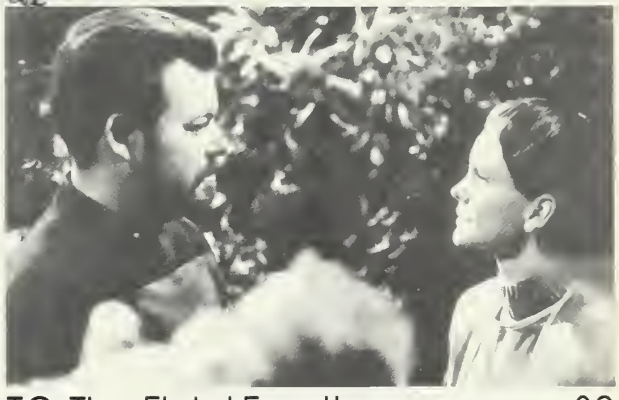

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To educate members of the TG community, the general public, media, and elected officials on crossdressing, transgender, and transsexual issues;

To educate medical, psychological, and psychiatric health-care professionals and other providers about TG facts, needs, and special issues;

To monitor legislation that affects the TG community;

To provide legal back-up and/or referrals for victims of discrimination;

To provide outreach and referrals for individuals and organizations within the TG community.

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Mailings of event and product information gratis for other non-profit groups in the TG community;

Telephone hot-line with direct access twelve hours a day;

Referral list of organizations and health-care providers around the world that can assist TG individuals in making contact with resources in their area;

On-going communication with community leaders and assistance to those leaders to help provide better local service and programs;

A communications network designed to accept and distribute information about activities, programs, educational and support services, and potential threats against community members from legislative repression;

Workshops for professionals;

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Dear Gianna

Gianna E.Israel

Diagnosed as a Transsexual What Next?

Dear Gianna:

I have been diagnosed as transsexual. What can you tell me about getting hormones and picking a sex reassignment surgeon? Is there any way I can get hormones without having to see a shrink or a doctor? I am upper middle class and only date genetic females. What is my risk of contacting HIV?

Lucy B.
New York, NY

Dear Lucy:

It is important that transgender persons recognize that they are consumers. Surgical procedures, hormone administration, electrolysis and counseling services are costly, and for most persons are out-of-pocket expenses. Frequently persons in the coming out process are so grateful to receive support that they do not recognize that the first careprovider they select may not be the most beneficial. This is particularly true for persons in crisis, or who had difficulty locating support.

Always speak to at least three careproviders before consenting to undergo any surgical procedure, or becoming involved with a gender program or a therapist. Also, if at all possible, speak to three individuals who have received services from a careprovider you believe may suit your needs.

Be a good consumer by asking questions. How many patients or clients has a careprovider supported? How does the careprovider's support or product differ from that of his or her competitors? Does the careprovider offer a sliding scale fee or a discount for repeat business? During your business relationship, should you find yourself dissatisfied with a careprovider's services, state so and why. If you find your negotiations to no avail, speak with a supervisor or take your business elsewhere. Private providers usually do not have supervisors. This is why it is important to speak with satisfied clients before committing to receive non-refundable services.

It is not uncommon for transgenderist and transsexual persons to avoid seeking out a doctor's assistance when taking or trying to obtain hormones. In some circumstances it is because they feel uncomfortable discussing their gender issues with others or fear being turned down by the physician. Others who swing between denial and experimentation, much like those who purge their "en femme" clothing, are fearful of asking for hormones because they are not interested in making a commitment to a particular lifestyle.

If you are a person taking hormones without a physician's prescription, or without periodic blood laboratory testing, you are taking a significant risk with your own health. Hormone administration and laboratory testing are routine medical procedures. In many circumstances, general practice physicians may not know how to provide transgenderist and transsexual health-care. If that is your situation, ask your referring counselor or therapist to include prescription/laboratory testing information in his or her referral. If that is not possible, supply your physician with a copy of Sheila Kirk, MD's books, *Feminizing Hormonal Therapy for the Transgendered* or *Masculanizing Hormonal Therapy for the Transgendered* (depending on your own situation).

Transgender persons are not immune from the HIV virus simply because they come from a particular background or are exploring a heterosexual fantasy. Use safe sex protection.

I recognize that some persons are tired of hearing about AIDS and safe sex protection. However, for every HIV-negative person who believes AIDS does not affect them or feels prevention messages are redundant, there is an HIV-positive person who finds this subject not so easily dismissed. At present, it is clear that HIV is primarily transmitted through unprotected sex and sharing drug needles.

Some HIV-positive individuals contracted the virus because they did not believe it existed in their community or social class. This notion is wrong. I routinely receive inquires from across the United States by infected persons who are looking for support resources for their special needs. Others now live with AIDS because they "forgot" to use protection. Prevent this from happening by keeping protection available, knowing how to use it and discussing its use before engaging in sex. ♋

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Legal Briefs:

TG & Busted! What To Do!

Dana Priesing, Esq.

How It Begins

As a member of a gender (i.e. to the straight world "sexual") minority group, you often are at risk of an unwelcome encounter with the criminal justice system. Here's the basics on of how the system works. If you have the misfortune to become the focus of its attention, you'll at least understand how to avoid making things worse.

Let's begin with the usual lawyer's caveat: this article constitutes legal chat, not legal advice. If you want specific advice about criminal law and procedure in your jurisdiction, go see a lawyer.

Most law enforcement activity begins with a crime report or an officer's observation of suspicious or criminal activity. Because society has a long history of defining sexual diversity as deviance and criminalizing it, activities you might consider unobjectionable can get you into trouble.

Using the restroom got drag show participants arrested recently at the Red Lion Inn in Denver. Sean O'Neill and Birdie Jo Hoaks found themselves in trouble partly because they failed to announce their chromosomal sex when dealing with lovers (Sean) or the welfare system (Birdie Jo).

But it needn't be anything gender-related. Brandon Teena bounced a check, then was discovered to be a transgendered man while in custody.

Suppose a cop pulls you over for speeding and notices that the sex identified on your driver's license doesn't match your clothes. Your calamity could begin with something as innocuous as a traffic citation.

Detention and Arrest

Let's assume that the police have pulled you over or otherwise stopped you. First of all, bear in mind that the police won't know what a fine citizen you are. That's understandable, since they spend their days chasing lyin' cheatin' varmints. They'll assume you're a lyin' cheatin' varmint too. Seriously, the police are overworked, underpaid, professionally suspicious folks who are well-armed, potentiallyviolent, and licensed to kill you. So don't make sudden movements that might be misinterpreted. Don't talk back. Don't fuck with them.

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It's Time For Your Medicine:

Phlebitis not very common but potentially LETHAL!

Sheila Kirk, MD

Phlebitis is an inflammation of the vein system in our blood vessel network. Sometime ago, it was called thrombophlebitis, and more recently phlebothrombosis, depending upon the degree of clotting that occurred. There is a blood clotting or thrombosis associated with the inflammation in both, and it is that aspect of the disorder that can be the most dangerous to the male-to-female transgendered person using hormones.

The number of TG individuals threatened by phlebitis and who need to know what phlebitis is and what can cause it is in reality very small. It is limited to those M2F TGs taking estrogen and progesterone—particularly those who ignore physician guidelines, take them without proper supervision, or otherwise act in a rash and ill-considered manner. For the crossdresser or the female-to-male TG using testosterone (who takes little risk of developing phlebitis), this medical information may not be very important. Phlebitis is not a common complication with estrogen; about six percentof individuals can be expected to experience it. But, when it happens to you—you are in deep Tapioca! Believe it!

Unfortunately, the M2F person who takes a foolhardy approach in their hormone regimen and really needs to know the great danger of phlebitis when using estrogen and progesterone may not read this article. Nonetheless, we all should have this information and be quick to share it with our transgendered brothers and sisters when we observe them acting imprudently in their hormone regimens.

It should be understood that phlebitis can occur for many reasons. It is a potential complication in the recovery period after surgery, particularly in older individuals because of a slowing of the venous circulation (stasis) when that individual is put to rest for a period of time. It can occur as an aftermath to trauma (i.e. auto or skiing accidents, and falls with bone fracture and/or notable soft tissue injury). It can occur with infections in other tissues (i.e., pelvic infections in the female, or, for instance, infection associated with extensive burns occurring in either sex).

Phlebitis can be either acute (a new episode) or chronic (repeated episodes of inflammation or vein wall damage). It's generally the acute form of the disorder that puts the estrogen-using genetic male in peril.

The venous system in our bodies returns blood from the various organs and tissues to the right side of the heart and the lungs before it is returned to the arterial system. Venous blood carries carbon dioxide to the lungs where it is blown off as we breathe, and where oxygen, when breathed in, replaces it for distribution to our tissues by way of the arteries. The veins are small as they begin drawing blood from the peripheral tissues and form two systems: a superficial and a deep one. These systems communicate and the vessels become larger as they proceed toward the right side of the heart.

It's the deep system of veins that constitutes the greater problem, for with clot formation in those larger caliber vessels, the danger of the clots going to the lungs (embolism) is far greater. Depending on clot size or amount and how much lung vasculation is obstructed by clot, a severe illness and/or death can occur. Often the latter is very sudden.

Estrogen and progesterone are very valuable and important hormones. They are not only important to the feminizing process, but they benefit some physiologic systems (i.e. heart arteries, bones) as well. But their use must be with caution, and with knowledgeable monitoring by a physician. Too many M2F TG individuals fail to understand the need to use these hormones appropriately. Proper dosage and proper testing is a mandate for both the patient and the physician. Serious problems can and will arise when:

- *Neither the patient nor the doctor pays attention to the correct methods of use,*
- *The doctor does not acquaint him- or herself with the reports of researchers and writers in the medical literature,*
- *The patient ignores the advice of the informed doctor.*
- *The patient uses medication obtained from "blackmarket" sources.*

What steps should the hormone-using M2F take? Firstly, read credible and reliable information about the hormones in use. Next, work cooperatively with the physician prescribing the regimen. With the information the TG person should have from reading, they can monitor the physician as the physician monitors them. With caution, with realization of what is to be expected and what is fanciful—and with a knowledge of the testing process that should be carried out before and during hormone usage, then hormone-using M2Fs can expect to maintain good health.

Another interesting statistic is that genetic males have a greater tendency for developing the disorder than genetic females. And, no matter what your gender identity, no matter what your documentation or socialization, no matter that you may be post-operative—your genetic profile is still male! ♋

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Letters & Comments from Our Readers

TOO MUCH ABOUT TRANSSEXUALS!

Dear Editor:

Issue #73 is mostly about transsexuality. It lacks articles of interest to the bi-gendered or TV. It is a far cry from what we are used to. Little room is now left for the plain, garden variety or crossdresser...that's sad. When my present subscription is done, I shall probably no longer be with you. You have lost track of the majority, and now cater to the vocal minority (transsexuals).

Connie Taylor

TOO MUCH ABOUT CROSSDRESSERS!

Dear Editor:

I will not be renewing my subscription. As a M2F transsexual, I have read the last two issues with increasing disappointment as you focused more and more on crossdressers.

Janet F.
Tallahassee FL

PREJUDICED AGAINST OURSELVES?

Dear Editor:

Once again your publication has proven why it is fast becoming irrelevant in our changing community. In the Spring 1996 issue you printed "Are You a Crossdresser or a Transsexual" by Drs. Docter & Flemming. Once again, the position of this organization is that the M2F transsexuals who happen to be lesbians do not have relevance. Yes, of course, you don't explicitly state that, but actions do speak louder than excuses. For you to print an article that portrays gender role as based upon who we sleep with perpetuates the same stereotypes that the straight world uses to harm us. This is also the same b.s. that the medical and psychological professions have been feeding this community for forty years. You have a responsibility to do better than this. Many people look to IFGE as a leader, and when you perpetuate false ideas you fail to educate both our community and the public as to the true nature of transgender people of all flavors.

Katherine
Cedar Rapids IA

(In reply to the above letters and many like them we have received: There is obviously a matter of perception involved here. Each issue of this magazine has contained copious amounts of material for both CD and TS. In #73, for instance, 65% of the letter column was about CD, there were profiles of CD traveler Jane Fee and the 16th century CD spy and diplomat, Monsieur D'Eon, and three additional articles on the subject. We have also been mistakenly perceived as anti-F2M, anti-lesbian M2F, anti-CD, anti-TS, anti-transgenderist and much more. Let it be said that our staff contains an almost even mix of the above and is representative of the TG community at large. None of us are anti-ourselves or would let anything we perceived as harmful to these or any other group into our pages. We do present material from those holding widely divergent and even conflicting views. Those who perceive any negative intent toward any group in these pages have somehow misinterpreted the intent of the piece and should reread it carefully from this perspective. Finally, we should note that due to a number of mechanical problems with the last issue, the Docter-Flemming piece, which they are revising with just the above mentioned criticisms in mind, was somewhat hastily inserted to fill a gap. A note to this effect was inserted, but failed to register at the printers. —JMS.)

ABOUT THE CD SCENE IN AUSTRIA

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the hospitality I received on my last visit to your offices. I want to give some indications of the CD scene in Austria. I have only met one girl here in Vienna, and I actually met her for the first time at the 1995 Holiday En Femme in Calgary. She is my only contact in Austria. I contacted some other girls in Germany, but no answer so far.

One does not hear very much about CD here in Austria but in the media and theaters a lot is going on. There are movies like *To Wong Foo,* and the famous female impersonator "Mary" has been holding sold out performances in one of the theaters here in Vienna. Ten years ago, when Mary appeared the first time, only 30 people bought tickets. Meanwhile, two performance artists known as Galaxis & Chantal are hits with their second Viennese show "Dressed 'Til 8." Their first show, "Crossdressing," was also very successful.

You might say a lot of CD is going on in Austria, and almost everybody seems to like it. But only at a distance on stage and not too close to daily life. Nobody wants to admit that crossdressing is interesting and perhaps appealing and okay.

An Austrian Sister
Vienna Austria

A SUPPORTIVE WIFE SPEAKS OUT

Dear Editor:

I am very grateful for your efforts at educating the public. My husband and I have been together for over seventeen years off and on. We divorced once and were on our way to another. I had noticed his crossdressing during this period of time. Often, he would quit in a rage and then feel miserable. It was like living with a dual personality, up to a few months ago (we are in therapy). Aleanna (Al) is finally starting to identify her needs, slowly. We are attending a group; the director has helped a lot. I always felt CD was caught in a double-standard in this society. Women are able to crossdress without facing the ridiculous shame and guilt that men encounter. I am trying to help Aleanna as much as I can, without pushing. Since Aleanna is still shy, she has benefited from information in your publication that "she" is not alone. In particular, Peggy Rudd's books are excellent.

Linda R.
A Midwestern State

FAIR AND FACTUAL

Dear Ms. Stine:

I like the new format. It gives the magazine a much needed facelift. (Don't we all need a facelift every now and then?) It still retains much of the flavor of its previous editions (for older fuddy-duddies like me) and brings in a new personality that is as good as it is. I hope that this new change will bring about an increase in readers.

I read the article on local celebrity Brandon Teena with great interest. I was particularly interested in seeing if both TG people and Nebraskans would be favorably portrayed in it. I failed to find either. The article was fair and factual as far as I could see.

Mallorie C.
Omaha NE

(Thanks, Mallory. We'll pass the kudos on to author Scott Gerdes. But one thought: Why would you wonder if TGs would be unfavorably "portrayed" in a publication dedicated to "celebrating the freedom of gender expression"?)

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Editor:

Let me be blunt. The name change stinks. *Transgender Tapestry* sounds like a "chicks with d--ks" magazine that one finds in the so-called "adult" bookstores. *Tapestry* was something classy that I wouldn't mind showing to someone when I told them of my darkest secret. Another problem with the name change is security. *Tapestry* sounds and looks like a ho-hum, boring magazine. *Transgender Tapestry* sounds like something that deserves a second look. The mailing label is opaque. But occasionally the envelope is ripped in transit. Being a postal worker, I know that one can be fired for looking into other people's mail. But that doesn't stop people if they see something in-

WHY THIS MAGAZINE IS DENIED TO PRISONERS

(We received the following letter from an inmate who had been subscribing to *Transgender Tapestry*. It was on official prison letterhead.)

From: [Prison psychologist's name withheld]

To: [Warden's name withheld]

Re: Confiscation of *Transgender Tapestry* magazine from Inmate [name and number withheld].

This magazine is published to disseminate information and to normalize sexual crossdressing, and sexual gender changes. The magazines have been confiscated from the inmate for the following reasons:

1. They contain advertisements for erotic lingerie (in sizes for adult men) with drawings and pictures of individuals dressed in provocative lingerie.

2. It contains advertisements for erotic sexually oriented "fantasy" clubs/hotels (that employ crossdressers) and perform sexual transformation services.

3 The magazines have advertisements for erotic novels including titles, "Maid for Sex," "Captive Playmate," and "Trapped by Skirts."

4. Each issue contains 600 hundred plus personal ads from crossdressers and transsexuals seeking relationships with like-minded people. Some of these ads contain photos wherein the advertiser attempts to pose provocatively in seductive clothing.

5. There are articles that advise crossdressers how to use the women's rest room when out in public; articles that refer to mental health therapists as theraPESTS; articles which indicate that crossdressing is not treatable and voice the opinion that mental health professional standards *(DSM-III)* for sexual identity and sexual behavior disorders are misguided and shouldn't apply to these behaviors; and articles that promote sharing with children crossdressing when the crossdresser is in a family with children. The children are invited to meetings and social gatherings with crossdressing males.

6. Finally, the magazine serves as a clearing house for point of contact information for catalogues, electric bulletin board services, and other organizations, as well as individuals with deviant tendencies and potentially illegal activities.

Rationale: This literature is counter therapeutic for this offender who is in treatment. This material promotes deviant behavior as normal and acceptable. It could easily support deviant sexual fantasies. It is hostile to psychotherapy and our professional standards. It supports exposing children to crossdressing adults which is inappropriate. It also provides point of contact information for like minded-individuals and therefor places the inmate at risk to contact with individuals inclined to high risk sexual behavior.

[Identity Withheld]

[State withheld]

teresting. The first thing people will do after seeing something exotic is to see who is getting it.

(Name Withheld)

Jackson NJ

CORRECTION ON CIVIL WAR CD ARTICLE

Dear Ladies:

As an amateur histo and Civil War buff, I wish to tha you for the article concerning th exploits of Captain Nathaniel Lyon at the onset of the Great Rebellion. (Or was it the War of Northern Aggression?) What he did was truly remarkable. There is one point, though, that should be corrected. As you can see in the enclosed photograph, Captain Lyon had a thick beard. Thus the reason for the heavy veils he wore that day, not the fact that he would be recognized. (A photograph of the Captain accompanies this letter.)

Joan H.

Andover MA

ANOTHER "GIFT OF THE MAGI"?

My husband and I loved the short story "Nightmare" in issue #74. It was so poignant, it reminded me of O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi." The couple in it had so much to give each other, if only he'd had the courage to speak out. It is a little gem.

Morgan F.

Grass Valley CA

AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY

Sisters:

Four years ago I began my search for myself, my trueself, to understand my feelings as well as who I really was inside. The more feminine I became, the better I felt and my self-esteem rose to very high levels.

I wrote to IFGE and received a wonderful letter in return that has basically been a huge stepping stone toward my future and the happiness I have found.

I am, as of this date, legally a woman now and the support I have had from family and friends has been tremendous and emotionally overwhelming. I am now awaiting my surgery date, as I've had the blessing and approval of my doctors and therapists. Blue Cross has even agreed to pick up the cost, as this is the only way I could afford such a venture.

I have enrolled in college, graduated (as a woman) with high honors and am now working part-time as a physician's assistant at a local women's clinic. I supervise laboratory operations, do counseling for women, and work in surgery.

In September, in court, I legally became a woman, papers were changed, driver's license was changed, etc. I truly am very happy as I await the final reconstruction. I have been advised by the courts that I set a precedent in Indiana law.

Each day is a new, yet wonderful, challenge. Sure there are problems, but I accept each one as it comes.

I am now looking at the possibility of becoming the proud parent of a baby girl, as a young friend wants me to adopt her child after it is born. She is six months pregnant, sixteen years of age, and is uncertain of her future. I have been called a "mother" many times, and now it looks as if I may have a baby of my own, so to speak.

Dennnie S.

Indianapolis IN ♋

Trans-Actions

News & Notes from the Gender Frontier

Nancy R. Nangeroni

CLEVELAND DEATH SWELLS TRANS-MURDER ROSTER

Cleveland joined the ranks of cities of shame with the discovery on June 13th of the body of Janice Ricks, who had been shot twice, once in the neck, and once in her abdomen. While there are reports that she was seen with someone earlier that morning, there are no suspects or motive at this time. So far police have been uncooperative to inquiries from members of the TG community. Local media coverage has been sparse, one station briefly mentioning that a man who went about in women's clothing had been killed, although Janice Ricks was reportedly living full or nearly full time as a woman.

MAY 1997 TO SEE 2ND NATIONAL TRANSGENDER LOBBY DAYS

Following months of debate and careful consideration, a coalition of transgender groups led by GenderPAC announced that the Second National Gender Lobby Days will take place in May of 1997. The first Annual Lobby Days were such a success that many of the leading transgender organizations will participate in the next one. The May event promises to be a big one. Any transperson who can be there should be there. If you can't come, donate! Predictably, there was considerable give and take in the negotiation of the next date, and in the end, of course, not everyone was pleased at the outcome. Phyllis Frye announced that she will be lobbying with a contingent of her own in February of next year. Anyone who can't make May should try to join Phyllis's group. The good news is that more transpeople will be lobbying in Washington in 1997.

CALL FOR END TO DIAGNOSIS OF TS AS MENTAL DISORDER TRIGGERS TG SCHISM

In May, a small number of transgender activists demonstrated outside of the annual convention of the American Psychiatric Association in New York. They were there to call for removal of the "Gender Identity Disorder" (GID) from the APA *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual,* which stigmatizes transsexuals, crossdressers, and transgendered people who have no desire for surgery as suffering from a pathological mental condition. This move, while supported by many in the TG community, is strongly opposed by others. In the past, these TSs note, the fact that TSs have a diagnosable "disorder" resulted in some insurance companies paying for SRS. Without this aid, these TSs would have been unable to obtain the surgery. They aim to lobby for increased coverage of SRS in the future by both insurance plans and Medicaid. Unfortunately, HMOs and Medicaid both seem to be hard-lining SRS and it seems unlikely that an effort to alter this policy would be successful. In addition, keeping the GID diagnosis on the books means the pathologizing of tens of thousands of TG people. Worse, GID is also used by parents who fear the stigma of queer offspring as an excuse for applying "corrective treatment" to gender-variant children as young as 2-4 years old, and against teenage butch-appearing girls, effeminate-acting boys, and, of course, young gays and lesbians. This is one reason the activists were at the APA calling for an end to GID. One suggested compromise could bring the conflicting TS camps together. It would ask the APA to remove GID as a "mental" disorder, while calling for the recognition of TS as a "physiological" disorder, requiring corrective surgery for intersexuality, or childbirth. Both of these routinely receive the green light for medical reimbursement without the stigma of psychological pathology.

U.S. TO TABULATE HATE CRIMES AGAINST TRANS

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a leading Gay & Lesbian political action organization, has proven true to their word, and is now endorsing inclusion of transgendered persons in federal anti-discrimination legislation. HRCF Executive Director Elizabeth Birch testified before Congress on March 19 that trans persons needed to be included in the pending renewal of the Federal Hate Crimes Act. Inclusion in the Hate Crimes Act will start the gathering of figures on violence and harassment of TGs, whether CD, TS, DQ, DK, or anywhere between. It's the first step towards obtaining legislative protection against discrimination for all TGs. In her testimony Birch stated, "I would also like to point out there is another group of Americans who are targeted for hate crimes. It is HRC's position that they should also be covered under the Hate Crimes Statistics Act... Like lesbian and gay Americans, transgendered persons are often singled out to be harassed, often with violent circumstances... I strongly urge this Congress to consider covering transgendered persons under the re-authorized Hate Crimes Statistics Act."

THREE TRANS SLAIN IN TORONTO

The streets of Toronto witnessed the most horrific anti-transgender crime in memory this past May, as three transsexuals were murdered execution-style in the span of a few hours. Victims were Shawn "Junior" Keegan, 19, Deanna Wilkinson, 31, and Brenda Ludgate, 25. All three were shot in the back of the

head with bullets from the same gun. Marcello Palma, 30, of North York, married and a father of two, was arrested in Halifax about two weeks later, and charged with all three murders. Valerie Scott, spokesperson for the Canadian Organization for the Rights of Prostitutes, says the law is to blame for the dangers to street prostitutes. It penalizes prostitutes for working in "bawdy houses" by seizing bank accounts and imposing stiffer sentences than for those who work on the street, she said. "Legally speaking, the safest place to work is the street and it's also the most dangerous place," Scott said. "Even more dangerous for transvestites and transsexuals. They're really outcasts. The gay community doesn't want to help them, the prostitute community doesn't want to help them."

BERKELEY JOINS OTHER CALIFORNIA NIA CITIES, PROTECTS TG RIGHTS

At a local level, Berkeley, CA has passed an anti-discrimination ordinance protecting TGs, joining Santa Cruz and San Francisco, which have similar statutes.

TG "ACTIVISTS" TO GATHER FOR CONFERENCE

GenderPAC also announced the first ever transgender activist conference, to be held in Washington on the day before lobby day. A hotel has already been booked (same one as the first time) and if the gathering is half as inspiring and fulfilling as it promises to be, it will be the event of the year for TG activists in 1997. See you there.

EUROPE BANS TS DISCRIMINATION

The European Court of Justice confirmed on April 30th the recommendation of its Advocate General in the landmark unfair dismissal case, P. vs. S. and Cornwall County Council. As a result of that judgment, it is now against the law in all European States for an employer to discriminate against a transsexual person on grounds of their condition. Not everyone is happy with such policies. Early in May, the European Court of Justice ruled that a TS person who had been sacked by Cornwall County Council had been unjustly treated. The response from the Government MPs was one of outrage. Elizabeth Peacock, MP for Batley and Spen said, "The European Court of Justice should mind its own business." Ann Winterton, MP for Congleton agreed with, "The Court was an overactive eagle."

NEW SOUTH WALES JOINS TG ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BANDWAGON

The New South Wales Parliament passed legislation on May 6 outlawing discrimination against TGs and giving people with sex-change operations legal status. The legislation, introduced by Attorney-General Jeff Shaw, amends the Anti-Discrimination Act to make discrimination on the basis of gender orientation an offense. It also gives people who have undergone SRS the right to legally change their gender, enabling the Births, Deaths, and Marriages registrar to alter birth certificates after surgery. The legislation was opposed during lengthy debate by Christian campaigner Fred Nile, who said the proposed laws were "against the law of God and the true welfare of the people of NSW." The Rev. Nile said people who wanted SRS were confused about their sexuality and deserved compassion, but should receive expert counseling instead.

CAMBRIDGE GROUPS LOBBY FOR TRANS ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

On the east coast, the Cambridge, Massachusetts Lavender Alliance, a powerful organization of experienced, mostly gay and lesbian activists, has made inclusion of bisexuals and TGs in the city's anti-discrimination ordinance a top priority for 1996. In Portland, Oregon, transgender activists still face the opposition of TS Andrea Abernathy in their quest for legislative protection.

NGLTF INVITES TRANS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has extended a special invitation to the TG community to participate in this year's national "Creating Change" conference, Nov. 8-10 in Washington, DC. The conference is activist-oriented, providing training in organizing, fundraising, diversity, and much more. It is the largest conference of its kind, drawing about 1500 people to Detroit last year. NGLTF is one of the most trans-inclusive of gay community organizations. At last year's conference, TG was one of the most prominent and exciting features of the conference. For more information call NGLTF at 202-332-6483 x 3329 or e-mail cc96@ngltf.org.

TG OUT AND THEN IN AT GAY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

One of the nation's oldest and most prestigious organizations for queer physicians caused a brouhaha when board members voted to strike the word "transgendered" from their letterhead and literature. The Gay & Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) had voted to welcome transgendered physicians in 1994. GLMA officially describes itself as "a U.S. and Canadian organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians and medical students." Explaining the sudden dropping of trans physicians, GLMA President Valerie Ulstad stated the Board had doubted whether it had the resources or expertise to effectively advocate transgender issues and so sought to "better define its mission." The action stirred heated protest from TG medicos, including founding member and transsexual physician Joy Shaffer, MD, a San Jose internist. Weeks of intense criticism by the TG community and supporters culminated in a protest by trans activists outside a GLMA Board reception. The Board, apparently moved by the strong desire of TGs to be included, reversed itself, reinstating TG docs the GLMA.

JAIL AND TS PRISONER: A BAD MATCH MADE WORSE

Candy Walker, the pre-op TS incarcerated for being shot by her father at Christmas time, was misguided enough to show up late for court hearings stemming from a charge of carrying a concealed weapon for owning a walking stick with a sword inside. Result: the girl nearly missed her own trial and prejudiced the case against herself. Candy was convicted and sentenced to 6 months in the Ventura County Jail on the weapons charge. Complicating the situation even further, Ms. Walker had breast augmentation surgery just before she was due to begin her sentence. Not a good move, considering that as a pre-op who hasn't had SRS she is legally considered a man and knew she would have to serve her time in the men's wing of the jail. Local authorities were just as wrong-headed, though. They confined Candy to solitary for refusing to surrender her bra, which gave her necessary breast support following the implants. Authorities took the bra from her, reportedly resulting in pain and bleeding from her un-

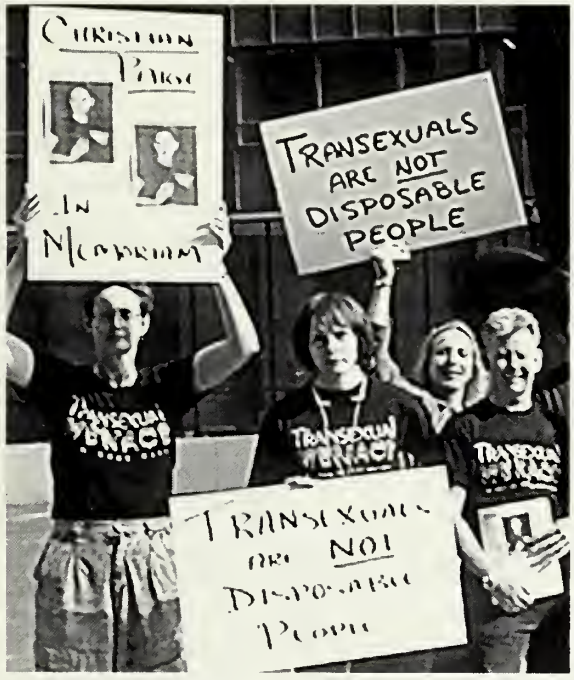
healed stitches. The jail infirmary has refused to give Ms. Walker pain medication or her female hormones (estrogen). Ventura County Jail officials have also rebuffed all requests by her lawyer, Allan Sigel, that she receive proper medical treatment. Mr. Sigel has requested the local Transsexual Menace chapters and friends stage a public action to focus attention on Candy's mistreatment.

CHICAGO TG VICTIM OF BRUTAL SLAYING

In Chicago, 24 year old transsexual Christian Paige was brutally murdered by a man she met via a phone dating service. She had only months before moved to Chicago from Nashville, in order to earn money for her SRS. She was beaten brutally about the head and face, stabbed over a dozen times (each wound sufficient to kill her), and finally burned in a fire apparently set to destroy all evidence. The man, who briefly met her roommates, has not yet been found. Two months after the murder, members of the Transexual Menace and other queer activists demonstrated at Chicago's Daly Center, handing out over 1500 flyers calling for justice and recognition of the slaying as a hate crime. Christian's roommate challenged whether it was really a hate crime, saying that the apartment had been ransacked and that she (the roommate) had lost the large sum of money which she had saved up for her SRS.

TRANS PRIDE BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

June saw more transpeople than ever, including the largest ever participation by CDs, visibly declaring their pride by participating in Gay Pride days in cities across the country. More gay, lesbian, and bi-folk are welcoming us with open arms, too. In fact, some gay theorists are declaring TG the leading edge of gay/les/bi activism. Popular queer writer Pat Califia recently published a pro-TG piece in *Out* magazine, and is reportedly working on a book about transsexuals.



Trans and other participants at Vigil for brutally murdered TS Christian Page. Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

CONN. GOV. NIXES PRIDE DAY ENDORSEMENT AND TRANSPEOPLE

Connecticut Governor John Rowland turned down a request by Connecticut PRIDE '96 to have the month of June declared as "Gay Pride" month. The proposed proclamation included references to lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals, as well as "people who do drag and transgender people." Nuala Forde, spokeswoman for the governor, said the governor will not sign any proclamation that he would have trouble reading to a second-grade class. "This proclamation is not a question of equal protection. It's a question of endorsing drag queens and transsexuals, and he simply won't do it" she said.

MEN CAN'T BE RAPED (OR M2F TGS EITHER) SO. KOERA

South Korea's highest court recently ruled that an M2F transsexual cannot be raped. The ruling resulted from a case of two men accused of raping a transsexual. "Though the victim in this case behaves as a female the person cannot be recognized as one because, among other things, his chromosomes remain unchanged and he cannot get pregnant," Justice Chong Kwi-ho told the court. South Korean law recognizes rape only against women. The two men were convicted of a lesser charge of sexual assault and each jailed for 2-1/2 years.

TS ON "WOMEN ONLY" GROUP STIRS U.K. DEBATE

According to the *London Times,* the Bethnall Green Labour Party was reported to be setting up an inquiry following the election of a pre-operative transsexual woman to a "women only" committee in Tower Hamlets, East London. The appointment was opposed by a small number of party members. The objectors protested that the case "paved the way for any man to disrupt internal elections by wearing a dress and a wig and calling himself a woman." Julian Sharpe, the secretary of the Bethnall Green Labour Party said the woman at the center of the controversy "has always been accepted as a woman by the local party. Whether she was born a woman is irrelevant."

QUEEN DOC PROVES QUEEN, TOO

Also in England, a surgeon who was a key member of the team that carried out the Queen Mother's recent hip-replacement operation was subjected to blackmail threats and forced to go public as a Sunday newspaper prepared to reveal his desire to undergo SRS. Dr. William Muirhead-Allwood made his plans public following telephone and the impending publication of the newspaper story. A *London Times* medical columnist praised the surgeon as a well-known and respected practitioner whom many doctors sought out as their own surgeon of choice. It would be a tragedy, the columnist concluded, if Dr. Muirhead-Allwood's announcement gave rise to prejudice and anxiety that interfered with his future as a surgeon.

WARNING "FREE SRS" OFFER

A notice on transgender internet newsgroups claimed that an employer in England was seeking technically talented TGs for employment. The real hook: generous would-be boss T. John McBrearty was willing to foot the bill for a prospective employee's SRS. AEGIS director Dallas Denny quickly responded, pointing out that this individual has been making the same offer for years, and has yet to substantiate the existence of a company, let alone a legitimate employment opportunity.

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Research Projects

Being Conducted by Sheila Kirk, M.D.

The Adolescent Teen Age Study

Young males ages 12-19 years who crossdress could be candidates for a longitudinal study examining their transgender feelings and behavior. It is necessary that either a parent, guardian or counselor or both give permission for inclusion in the study for without express allowance nothing can be exchanged with that young person. In this study, Dr. Kirk makes inquiry into the life and habits, the goals and experiences, of this young person trying not to influence but being available to advise patients and the professional when asked for information.

Every Transgendered person was a teenager and every one of us had the "burden" of being a Crossdresser as well. If you know of a teenager who is able to participate in this valuable research project, please contact Dr. Kirk for more details.

Androderm Patch Study

There is available a new mode of skin testosterone transfer therapy that needs study in Female to Male Transsexuals. Dr. Kirk will work with the participant's physician for information exchange once the F-M individual is on the patch. She will not, however, participate directly in the individual's care. A special protocol will be put in place and the individual should be prepared to cooperate with the procedures within it. No remuneration or free medication is offered. If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile study to assist in gathering important research data to aid the Female to Male population while benefiting from this new therapy, please contact Dr. Kirk.

Male to Female Postoperative Survey

Sheila Kirk, M.D. has originated a detailed survey for Male to Female Transsexuals who are postoperative six months or more. The information sought is most important in order that both the professional community and the Transsexual Community learn about areas of experience in the life of the postoperative person—areas that heretofore have not been studied appropriately or to any extent. Medical reports will be meaningful because of this research. All post-operative M-F individuals are urged to contact Dr. Kirk for information with a willingness to participate.

A Call For Health Care Professionals

To help improve the quality of transgendered care, Dr. Kirk maintains a nation-wide referral list of health care professionals (physicians— family practice, internists, endocrinologists; surgeons— in all specialties of surgical care; mental health providers—social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists) who demonstrate a high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment.

If you know of such a healthcare professional, please send their name and area of special care to Dr. Kirk. It is important that you get their permission for their referral.

Contact Dr. Kirk by mail enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to participate in this projects or with specific questions regarding your medical concerns.

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transgender relationships

(Nothing seems to arouse more controversy or cause more difficulties for transgender people, whether CD or TS, than the issue of TG "in the bedroom." Transgender relationships have been shrouded in secrecy and taboo. Most who are in them won't talk about them. Some through embarrassment; others because they fear that what is said will be distorted and maliciously used gainst the community by the transphobic. This reticence, however, has done nothing to alleviate the natural concerns of non-TG partners or to illuminate TG sexuality for the transgendered. It is hoped that the following seris of articles, drawn from the TG press, goes a long way toward filling this gap and shining light on a vital, but hidden area of TG life. Transgender Tapestry *is proud to provide a forum for airing these issues.)*

When your husband becomes a TS: A Wife's Lament

Woman (not author of article) and TS spouse.
(Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen)

As the wife of a pre-op transsexual I find it very difficult coping with all the different emotions and fears that have been thrust on me. I love my husband with all my heart and I feel sadness for the painful, confused and secretive life he has felt forced to lead up to now. I understand and support what he must go through, and desperately want to continue our loving partnership.

Over our 21 years of marriage I believed my husband to be a transvestite, though many subtle hints were given otherwise. Just recently he told me that, after many meetings with a psychiatrist, he had come to terms with himself and realized he was a transsexual.

My first thought was shock. How could this be, after all the close and loving years we had shared? So many fears went through my head. Will I lose the person I love? All my future dreams revolved around him. I began to panic for our children and their future, the rejection of our family and friends. All this fear quickly turned to anger, not necessarily toward my husband. After all, he can't help the feelings within him.

I had, and still have, great anger and disbelief for the unfeeling doctor who, with a stroke of his pen, changed my future—our future—with no thought of how I felt. I have no doubt that if it was I who went to this male doctor and informed him of my responsibility for my children and loving husband, he would not so readily have scribbled his name on a hormone prescription.

It is very unfair for any husband to start hormone treatment without informing his wife, and when I found out he had, I was very hurt. We have always been honest with each other, true partners. How could he make this decision for both of us? After all, the hormones affect my life just as much as they do his.

We have always had an honest relationship, so I find it difficult and painful when I catch him in a lie, or when he breaks the promises we made to each other. Why doesn't he understand that by doing this he is pushing me away? We need to trust each other, and sadly, I feel I must question his honesty some times. For a true loving partnership to exist there must be some compromise, and right now I find it is always I who is giving. Hopefully, he will see that true love is give and take.

It is not a surprise to me that his doctor is a man. As my husband will soon

find out, after he is fully "out," this is indeed "a man's world." Women are often unfairly treated and ignored. They rarely get the respect that a man gets. All this will be hard for him.

Well, it's over and done with, and I am frustrated with the loss of a very physical loving relationship we had as husband and wife. But after the shock wore off there was acceptance. After all, I love him, and he will still be the same loving, caring and supportive partner. So why did I develop a sense of extreme panic?

I was questioning my ability to continue to love the only person I want in my life. I have never met this woman inside him. Can I share my life with a feminine post-op female? After all, I'm not a lesbian. Can I cope with the change? Of course, this feeling of denial did not last very long. Now I accept that the feelings within my husband are genuine and we need to make the necessary adjustments in our lives.

While we are now trying to work out our new future together, there are many problems that I as a wife have to deal with. One of them is the lack of patience. My husband can't understand that we need to take this change slowly. There are many emotional issues involved and I need time to fully accept this new person in my life.

He needs to have patience within himself. I feel he wants to complete his transition too quickly. I think to rush the process would do more harm than good. For our relationship to survive we need to go through each step together. Then when we are comfortable with that, continue to the next.

Also, he needs patience for our children. Having teenagers, especially a 15-year-old son, he needs to think of their feelings first. He needs to fully consider how this coming out would affect their life at school, their friends and their relationship with their dad. I feel a transsexual who has older teenagers should put his children first...as a true woman would...and wait to fully come out when the last child is in college.

I worry about the acceptance by our children. I do not want them to hate their father. I worry about their turmoil, future relationships, and the day they get married or have children.

I also worry about the reaction from relatives and friends. I have one true friend outside my husband, and I know I will lose that friendship. That will hurt me, but my love for my husband is most important to me.

As wives of a TS, we always have to be cautious with our feelings and our words. If we question ourselves, or them, or show a little negativity, our partner blows it all out of proportion. Many times he has said to me, "Our relationship will not work," or, "You'll never accept me as a woman." I want to be honest, but sometimes I am afraid to discuss any negative emotion, for fear of his rush to twist my words.

He needs to understand the world does not revolve around him. I want "us" to work. Don't shut me out. We need to go through this 100 percent together

I am devoting everything within me to keeping the intensity of love and caring, but my two biggest fears have to do with his feelings after the operation. Will he, because of the hormones, and an operation that will complete him as the woman he needs to be, discover he wants to live in a "traditional" relationship and want a male partner? Or will he wish to find a new woman who did not know him as a male so that he can start a new life fresh?

I have no doubt that if the roles were reversed, and it was I who wanted to be a man, my husband could not accept me. I think no man would tolerate such a change, no matter how loving their relationship.

But I also think of the wonderful times we can still have. We are lucky that we wear the same size clothing and shoes. That is a major plus, as we can share everything and have a bigger closet! I really believe we could have fun shopping and enjoying the special friendship that women have with each other.

Our future could be an exciting adventure! We are fortunate that we have always enjoyed each other's company, and I feel our partnership will be stronger. I seem to have this overwhelming need at times to protect my husband, which seems a little funny since he was always my protector.

In fact, I believe that for our partnership to work and for all female/male marriages to continue, it is all up to the wife. Her strength, patience and love will hold them together. We must deal with all the incredible emotions within us and put our lives aside. It is very hard and I look forward to the day when my husband and I can enjoy our lives without the inner turmoil we now have. I know that day will come and I realize it takes time. Patience, Patience, Patience!

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When Your Husband's A CD: A Dr's Blueprint For Success

Peggy Rudd, Ed.D.

Frequently women who are in committed relationships with crossdressers ask, "How can we make all of this work? How can we go about our day-to-day routine in a world that seems to have people in predetermined categories? And how can we feel normal when our lifestyle is a giant step away from the expected norm?"

It is very difficult to answer these questions when we feel that our lives have no "fit" within society, and when we feel out of step with the rest of the world. If we measure our relationships against the standard or predetermined norm, there is an enormous feeling of loss.

For most of our lives, the expected behaviors have seemed to be set down in black and white. For a while I felt uneasy because my husband was a crossdresser. I felt that I was not doing what I was "supposed" to do. I sometimes asked the question, "Would my mother (now deceased) approve of this lifestyle?"

Does being different make us less than OK? I don't think so. By nature, couples are very much like all other couples. With practice, couples can become unique and more interesting.

I have often pondered my role as the wife of a transgendered man and asked another question, "What can I do to make all of this seem easier?"

Customized cars and houses are more valuable, and are easily marketed because they are rare, perhaps unique. Transgendered relationships are also more valuable.

The price tag comes in the form of commitment, communication, and compromise. The bottom-line question is: "Are we willing to pay the price for a unique relationship?" Someone must draw up a plan. All customized products have specifications and plans.

While working through issues related to crossdressing, it is important to remember that each person must feel comfortable with their role. It will be vital that both people work together in getting the relationship "customized for crossdressing." During the process each person must think about what is important to them while never forgetting what is important for the relationship. Neither individual can do this alone, and no one should be a

martyr or sacrifice their own needs.

For Melanie and me the answer is in the form of a list of priorities. To make crossdressing work for us we thought about the elements of life together, and designed a plan which would accommodate crossdressing while remembering our own needs as individuals. We have a lifestyle which has been designed to fit my husband's emotions and his need to openly express femininity. It is also designed to fit my own acceptance or lack of it.

Below are the priorities which Melanie and I live by. This is our blueprint for a relationship that includes transgendered behavior. We are both comfortable with these priorities. You may use our list as a guide for your life together, but feel free to add your own ideas which reflect your own values. The priorities you write will more closely match your lifestyle and your own involvement in crossdressing. Keep your priorities fluid and ever-changing as you continue to talk about the issues at hand, and as you continue to grow as individuals and as a couple.

We will be open about the issue of crossdressing, and together we will learn more about how gender concerns will affect us in our relationship and as individuals.

We will strive for open, honest communication, with negotiation and compromise on both sides, especially in matters pertaining to finances, bedroom issues, risk-taking behavior, and the level of involvement of the children and other family members.

We will learn to pace the integration of transgendered behavior into our relationship. Both of us will feel comfortable before there is greater involvement.

We will discover the benefits of a relationship which finds a balance of gender expression. Such balance will be characterized by men who maintain a responsible, positive, healthy masculinity while "exploring their femininity." It will also be characterized by women who can be both assertive and gentle.

We will feel free to participate in support groups that promote personal growth and well-being, foster the development of individuals, and provide tools for relationship-building.

We will mutually decide the degree to which crossdressing moves from the security of our home into more public areas.

We will mutually determine the degree to which sexually explicit language and dress become a part of our relationship and the degree to which changes are made in body features and appearance.

We will share personal items including jewelry or items of clothing when there is a mutual consent characterized by a respect for individual ownership and boundaries.

We will cherish our time together, but we will not forget the value of personal space, introspection, personal growth, and creativity on an individual basis.

We will each assume a personal responsibility to maintain these priorities through willing compromise, empathy, and above all else, commitment to our relationship.

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When Partners Change Gender: A Lesbian Reflect on Her F2M Lover

Loree Cook Daniels

Woman (not author of article)
with F2M spouse at Southern Comfort.
Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

Marcelle keeps showing me pictures. "What do you think of this one?" she asks. "Or this one?"

"I don't care," I answer. "Whatever you want." She is disappointed; she wants me to get excited, to say, "THIS is the penis I want you to have!" It is important to her that I be as enthusiastic about her new body as she is. She wants me turned on, flushed with anticipation of what her new body will do for me. I can't fake it. It irks me, frankly, that some of this change is, for her, sexual. Men, I think, obsess about penises, not women. I've always liked the fact that Marcelle didn't have a penis because penises tend to distract me. They start getting excited at what they're feeling, and quit paying attention to what I'm feeling. I much prefer dildos, or the flexible fingers of an attentive butch. I'm not thrilled about the competition that a sensate penis will bring. I don't trust Marcelle to not get carried away.

And so it begins: the transformation of Marcelle from caring butch to uncaring male. Were we to have this conversation, she would be incensed. "Why do you think I'd ignore you?" she'd demand. Even my mousiest voice probably couldn't bring itself to whisper, "Because that's what men do."

The power of our internal images, of the prejudices we hold in our mind's eye, is incredible. Marcelle is angry that some of the women in our couples' support group, to whom she was a

fine member for over a year, now see her as alien, not to be trusted or even admitted into their presence. "What has changed about me," she demands, "except that they now know my gender identity?"

She's right, of course, but I am also beginning to understand the terrible potency of our internal categories. They can, I'm learning, overrule everything we actually know. It matters not that I've lived with this person for twelve years, that we've shared more than 4,000 days together. If I let down my guard but for a second, the Marcelle I know is replaced by a man who carries her name and nothing else. Instead of displaying all of Marcelle's characteristics with just a slightly altered appearance and new pronoun, this man bears no resemblance to Marcelle. Instead, he is a mosaic of 37 years' worth of prejudice. My prejudice.

It is painful living with a mirror. The two hardest things about this transition are facing the fact of my stubborn, decade-long refusal to accept my lover and that I have way more prejudice than I can possibly own up to. I thought I wasn't prejudiced about men. I believed, having taught an early and controversial university class in bisexuality, having been the men's advocate in my Women's Studies program, having dated a man and taken the flack when I was "Lesbian Co-Chair" of a highly visible group, that I had bested all such bias. I thought I was "over" gender, that I had grown past the need to categorize people by their genitals and attribute psychological traits on that basis. I was wrong.

I am amazed at the beliefs this transition is bringing to light, laying out before me to own or disown. I am amazed that a behavior I breezed over one day is magically transformed into something sinister the next, based simply on whether I am seeing Marcelle as Marcelle, or as a composite of my fears.

The intensity and number of assumptions and biases this transition keeps flushing out of my deep, dark interior frighten and weaken me. If I have all these prejudices, I who has worked so hard at being unbiased, who understands that no one can be summed up by a single attribute, who preaches that we must see people as individuals and not as representatives of some artificial category we've constructed, if I can think these fantastical images apply to the person I've loved for twelve years, then what am I asking of others? How can I possibly ask them to see Marcelle as Marcelle, and not as some mythical Man?

And so I know that although Marcelle is right, next to nothing has changed about her, why are people so upset? I also know that the issue is nowhere near that simple. We are not talking penises here, or pronouns, or the rejection of femaleness, or a desire for male or heterosexual privilege. We are talking about people facing themselves. We are not, it turns out, asking them to see Marcelle a certain way. We are asking them to take a good long look in the mirror of Marcelle to recognize and own up to their heretofore invisible assumptions about women and men.

That any of us at all rise to this challenge is a miracle.

As for those penises, dear, try me later. It seems I'm a little too caught up in head trips right now to deal with flesh and blood.

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Encompassing All Your Partner: TG In The Bedroom

Vanessa and Linda Kay

Linda and Vanessa Kay authors of "TG in the Bedroom."

Throughout the many conversations, meetings and letters we have had with crossdressers and their spouses and partners, there is one subject area that is of great concern, yet discussed very little. We are speaking, of course, about sexuality or "Bedroom Issues."

Over the last couple of decades, great effort has gone into separating crossdressing from the realm of sexual matters. It was believed by some that if crossdressing could be viewed as being unrelated to sexual activities or preferences, it would somehow be more acceptable to the public. We understand this, and believe that the pioneers, such as Virginia Prince, were correct in their approach.

An unfortunate side-effect of this separation between crossdressing and sexuality has been to overemphasize that the two have nothing to do with one another. This, we believe, is false.

Speaking as a crossdresser, and one who undergoes the transformation from masculine to feminine, Vanessa states that being made love to as a woman is the ultimate confirmation of her quest to experience her femme nature. Though not often discussed openly, we have come to the conclusion that this is a quite common fantasy for the majority of crossdressers. It is also an area of great frustration due to the inability of the couple to openly discuss the issue.

There is nothing wrong or dirty about fulfilling one another's fantasies. However, it is vitally important that neither partner be forced to do something they are uncomfortable with. Honest and open communication is of the utmost importance. Of equal importance is to remember that the spouse or partner has a right to be made love to at times by the man that she married. Selfishness in any area can and will destroy relationships.

One of the things that seems to be of major concern to women who have transgendered partners is just how transgendered is he and to what areas of his life does "she" extend? If we want to get down to basics about our partners, let us begin with how we see Vanessa. While Matt is sober and serious and focused, Vanessa is everything else: She is a free spirit, the vibrant, alive, sensuous being that exists within him, but which he cannot express as Matt. She is a multicolored bird of paradise, eager to experience all that

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Men in Dresses:

A 20th Century Cultural Phenomenon

(Photo: Vicky Alhadeff)

Dr. Vernon Coleman, himself a CD, conducted largest survey of CD's ever.

There are many myths and misconceptions about why men crossdress. This survey shows quite clearly that most crossdressers are neither homosexual nor aspirational transsexuals. Crossdressing is not an illness, and most transvestites do not want to be "cured." Transvestism is a valuable remedy for stress.

Heterosexual transvestites tend to crossdress to escape from everyday stresses because they enjoy the feel of women's clothes or, quite simply, because they enjoy looking like women and escaping from their male persona. Men explained that they love women so much they dress like women as homage to them.

It is doubtful if anyone knows exactly how many men obtain pleasure, sexual satisfaction or relief from stress by dressing up in women's clothes. Some authorities have claimed that as many as 20% of men have, at some time or another, dressed partly or completely in women's attire. My own studies, based on the response to my telephone advice lines (which have, for the last seven years been rung by an average of 500,000 people a year) suggest that the figure of 1 in 10 is probably accurate.

The potential embarrassment and perceived social stigma associated with transvestism means that many men are extremely secretive about their crossdressing habits; consequently it is simply not possible to obtain an accurate figure. Nevertheless, it seems that crossdressing is currently one of the fastest growing social phenomena in the western world.

The following special report on transvestism/crossdressing is based on questionnaires which were completed by 414 British males during July and August 1995, and on written communications from over 600 other British males during the same period.

How old were you when you began wearing women's clothes?

The average age at which males in this survey started dressing in women's clothes was 13. The youngest respondent reported that he had started crossdressing at the age of 4. The oldest was 70 when he started dressing as a woman.

Why do you crossdress?

Because I like the feeling of women's clothes - (77%).

Because it gives me a sexual kick - (59%).

Because it helps me relax and deal with stress - (48%).

Because I want to be like a woman - (63%).

(It is clear that many transvestites dress for more than one reason. Surprisingly perhaps, the most common reason given for crossdressing was the feeling of wearing women's clothes. Men obtain considerable tactile pleasure from contact with the thinner, softer, more delicate fabrics used in the manufacture of women's clothing. Although this feeling sometimes arises as a result of a childhood experience, there are many transvestites who have discovered the pleasure of wearing silky, satiny materials in their 30s, 40s or older).

If you had the opportunity, would you have a sex change operation?

"Yes" - (23%).

"No" - (77%).

(Many lay people suspect that transvestism is merely a stepping stone on a longer journey; a half-way house on the way to transsexualism. This mistaken view is also common among many professionals (doctors, psychologists and social workers). Some psychiatrists regard transvestites as gender dysphorics, but on the evidence obtained by this study, I would regard that as a misnomer. Some transvestites would like to become transsexuals, but most transvestites (over three quarters according to this survey) have no doubts about their gender and are perfectly happy about their crossdressing. Their problems (if they have any problems) arise almost exclusively from society's reaction to their crossdressing rather than from their crossdressing itself. It would be, perhaps, more accurate to describe transvestites as social dysphorics.)

Do you dress completely as a woman (e.g. including wig, make up etc.)?

"Yes" - (77%).

"No" - (24%).

(Some transvestites wear only female underwear. Some wear only one particular type of female underwear (e.g., panties, slips, stockings and suspenders). But most go all the way—and dress completely as women. Most reached full transvestism slowly and in stages. "I began by wearing

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knickers under my trousers. Then I wore a camisole under my shirt as well. After that, things just rather snowballed. When I started crossdressing, I never imagined that things would go as far as they have. But I'm very happy.")

Has being a transvestite ever lost you a job or a relationship?

"Yes" - (16%).
"No" - (84%).

(At first sight the low percentage of crossdressers answering "yes" to this question seems surprising. It is clear, however, that a very large number of transvestites are extremely secretive about their crossdressing. These transvestites clearly believe that they would lose jobs or relationships if their secret became common knowledge. Most transvestites would probably prefer to be open about what they do. The secrecy tends to add to the guilt they feel. Many transvestites are also aware that it would be much better to tell their loved ones than to have them find out by accident. There is a great deal of prejudice against crossdressing, but the evidence from those transvestites who have been "open" with those around them suggests that they feel that the fears of what might happen may sometimes be exaggerated.)

Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

Do you go out of the house dressed as a woman?

"Yes" - (47%).
"No" - (53%).

(Nearly half of all transvestites venture out of the house in women's clothing. But many—those who are most concerned about being seen—go out at night, after dark and often fairly furtively.)

Do you attend parties or social events with other transvestites?

"Yes" - (23%).
"No" - (77%).

Do you ever go shopping dressed as a woman?

"Yes" - (21%).
"No" - (79%).

(The number of transvestites who go shopping while crossdressed is quite high. Obviously, the transvestites who go shopping are usually the ones who are best able to "pass" as women.)

If you go out crossdressed, in your opinion, how many of the people who see you are convinced that you are a woman?

Never go out crossdressed -(20%).
None - (30%).
A few - (23%).
Most - (21 %).
All - (6%).

(Most transvestites are very honest and pragmatic about their attempts to "pass" as women. Only a small number (6%) believe that they could successfully pass as women in any circumstances.)

Do you wear women's underwear when you are dressed in ordinary men's clothes?

"Yes" - (75%).
"No" - (25%).

(The majority of transvestites regularly wear women's underwear underneath their men's clothing. A minority of transvestites keep the two parts of their lives quite separate—dressing either entirely as a man or else entirely as a woman.)

What do you sleep in?

The nude - (37%).
Pajamas - (18%).
A nightie - (45%).

Have you ever had sex with another man?

"Yes" - (20%).
"No" - (80%).

(The incidence of any homosexual experience among transvestites (1 in 5) is slightly lower than the incidence of any homosexual experience among non-transvestite heterosexuals (usually regarded as 1 in 3). Most of those transvestites who admitted to having had sex with another man said that their homosexual experiences were isolated. The incidence of genuine homosexuality and bisexuality among transvestites is considerably less than 1 in 5 and probably close to the normal figure for non-transvestite males of between 5 and 10%. Most men who crossdress to escape from the stresses in their lives are staunchly heterosexual; some may occasionally fantasize about being picked up and made love to by another man, but that is usually simply a part of the pretense of being a woman and not a genuine sexual need or desire. One side effect of transvestism is that men who are impotent when dressed as men may become potent again when dressed as women—simply because they are more relaxed and more at ease with themselves and the world.)

Do you live in fear of people finding out that you are a transvestite?

"Yes" - (69%).
"No" - (31%).

(Fear of public exposure is the major anxiety experienced by transvestites. The extent to which transvestites will go to preserve their secret is well illustrated by the fact that numerous transvestites copied out the entire survey form in longhand—and then filled in their answers. Many of these sent accompanying notes explaining that they had not dared to cut the survey form out of the newspaper in which it had appeared in case anyone saw what they had done.)

Has crossdressing ever got you into trouble with the law?

"Yes" - (4%).

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What Do Drag Queens Want?

Tim Denesha
(Reprinted from Q-News)

What do drag queens want? This question has fascinated me since a good friend became one several years ago. Through him I've seen into their complex and paradoxical world. Perhaps simplistically, I always assume that people do what they do for love, either to give or to get it (which comes to the same thing, they say). So I look at the choices drags make, and ask, "What's this got to do with love?" The answers are sometimes clear, sometimes not.

These are gay men who want to become, at least part of the time, glamorous women performers. This distinguishes them from women and men of all sexual orientations who cross-dress simply to pass as the other gender, and not to perform. Drags are also distinguished from straight male performing transvestites, most commonly seen in England and Australia (Dame Edna being a prime example).

Drag is performance art...a form of self expression. By transforming themselves into hyper-real, larger-than-life women, drags embody aspects of femininity...some would say it is caricature. Unlike gay men who are content merely to form cults around pop goddesses like Bette, Joan, Judy, and Barbara, DQs worship by *becoming* the adored ones, adopting their style if not their very identity. So they are gay men, only more so. And these queens are literally royal. Their fantasy is their international club and support organization, the Imperial Court system, seriocomically modeled on European monarchies.

Being "girls," drags just want to have fun...and it's true much of the time. They frequently satirize themselves and each other quite delightfully. Look at the names some of them choose, like Patsy Decline, Bertha Vanation and Virginia Hamm. DQs create alter egos for themselves. As a technique for freeing oneself from inhibitions, I think drag is much more positive and creative than substance abuse, although the latter is as prevalent among drags as elsewhere in the gay community. Drag is a mask. Any true mask is created from within oneself and thus it both hides and reveals. As a woman, my friend seems a different person, yet on a deeper level, he seems more truly himself, as if he has isolated and brought forth certain parts of himself. It involves both safety and risk, serious fun!

DQs also want sex. Costuming is a large part of queer sexuality. Looking and feeling gorgeous is sexy, perhaps more so for a man who feels quite plain unadorned. For some, clothes themselves are erotic. "The sound and feel of my legs rubbing together in nylons is a real turn-on," my friend tells me.

However, attracting sex partners can be dicey. Some straight men want sex with drags. Decades ago in Buffalo, drag was apparently about attracting hetero men. Some gay men want drag sex, too. But they are usually "masculine" men who never crossdress. Sex between DQs is apparently rare. Most gay men, though, want "men," which is why many of us adopt leather/clone/muscle drag. All in all, dressing as a woman can be, sexually, both adventurous and costly for a gay man.

Something else drags want is to make the world a better place. Organizations such as the Imperial Court, through public performances and internal functions like coronations, raise many thousands of dollars annually for charity, especially charities related to AIDS. This seems to me a healthy balance between having a ball and helping out. Benefiting others isn't unique to contemporary drag. In many ancient, traditional cultures, cross-dressing males who may be sexually active with other males are often medicine men, shamans and healers. The Native American Berdache is one example.

But what DQs seem to want most is to define and express a sense of womanliness they feel in themselves. In writing *Kiss Of The Spider Woman*, Manuel Puig said he wanted to explore what it meant to be a woman. Puig

The fabulous "Morgan" as Ann-Margret. Photo by Mariette Pathy Allen

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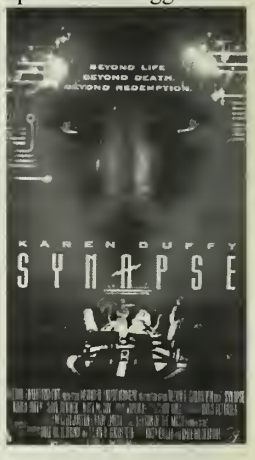
TG Performers and Personalities in the News

WOMAN'S WORK. Every professional economist worth his or her salt knows women in comparable jobs only make about seventy-five percent of what men are paid. Now, one leading male economist is about to get first-hand experience of this old truism. Donald McCloskey, Ph.D., professor of economics and history at the University of Iowa has announced he is about to become a she. Deirdre (her new name) McCloskey has already had facial surgery, voice alteration, and a name change. Accepting female colleagues at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association threw her a party with pink balloons announcing, "It's a girl!" Professor McCloskey's sister, a psychologist, wasn't quite as thrilled. She had her locked up twice on the grounds that anyone who would change their sex must be "crazy." Once she had the distinguished author of twenty books and some two hundred articles hauled off the stage by cops in the midst of a SSHA session being held to honor her work. Dr. McCloskey is a maverick in economics, too, arguing that economists err in reducing all human economic behavior to "self-interest." Human beings sometimes "act out of love," too. Now there's a feminist theory of economics.

TALK ABOUT BI-GENDERED. Pity poor martial arts student Ranma. He fell into the accursed "Spring of the Drowned Girl" and things haven't been the same since. Now every time Ranma gets a dose of cold water, he magically transforms into a red-haired (you guessed it), beautiful, buxom girl! "But I won't wear dresses," Ranma yells, as the three daughters of the man he lodges fwith orce him into gender-appropriate attire. There's good news though. A dose of hot water will change him back into a male. Hence the title of this international best-selling comic book and video series, *Ranma 1/2*. Half the time, he is a boy, half the time a girl. This leads to complications (and sexual frisson) in his budding adolescent romance with a female dojo student, Akane, and the unwanted attentions of an older male student, Kuno, who has fallen under the spell of Ranma's female half. (Confusing enough? And that's only the background, it doesn't begin to do justice to the irresistibly wacky plot-lines themselves.) *Ranma 1/2* seems to presage a growing popularity of trans with the young since its author, Rumiko Takahashi, is considered the most popular comic artist in both America and Japan. Her recent appearance at the celebrated San Diego Comics Convention was a mob scene. Looks like the next generation of Americans is going to be trans-friendly.

HEIL, HEELS! Those five- and six-inch spikes make some people feel vulnerable and wobbly. Not so screen star and ersatz drag queen Sandra Bernhard. "When I walk out the door in a good pair of heels," La Bernhard purrs in a recent *New Yorker*, "I never feel vulnerable. There's no time for any weakness. I feel focused, strong, secure. My stride is potent and no one hassles me. When I'm standing on the corner hailing a cab, you'd better believe I'm the first fare he'll throw on his brakes for. Why? Because I demand respect and my heels back me up!" She's not talking about Payless pumps or Frederick's of Hollywood kitsch, either, but "a really solid set of heels from Manolo or Prada Chanel Congerie." Guess that if most trans folk had the income to spring for a pair of those, they'd feel pretty secure, too.

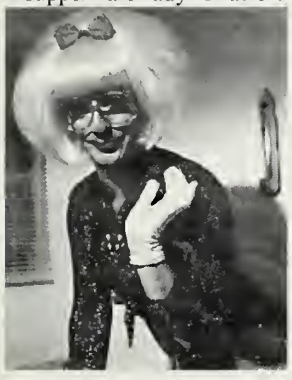
THANKS FOR THE MAMMARIES. That's one title *Transgender Tapestry* editress-in-chief suggested for the movie version of her sex-change novel, *Season of the Witch,* voted one of the Ten Best Sci-fi Novels of the Year when it first came out in 1969. One of the film's producer's suggested *Memory Run,* which makes perfect Hollywood sense, as the film has nothing to do with memory whatsoever. "How 'bout *Mammary Run*"? our girl quipped. But that was shot down, too. *Synapse* is the final title, selected by Imperial Entertainment and Warner Video. Film, starring MTV VJ Karen Duffy and Matt McCoy, is in video rental stores now, with pay-per-view debut slated for late this year and appearances on premium cable channels like Cinemax and the Movie Channel due sometime next summer. Film went direct-to-video in the US, but will play theaters in Europe and other locales. Seems the distributors are a bit dicey about the sex-change theme, though. No mention of it appears anywhere on the box, which presents the story as a slam-bang sci-fi actioner. Jean Marie likes the film, though. "They changed the plot completely," she says, "but kept the theme intact. The last shot should make people think about the nature of gender. Which is the whole point."



TRANSPEOPLE

TG Performers and Personalities in the News

SALES AREN'T DRAGGING FOR HER. Pam Teflon, the Los Angeles Tupperware lady is tastefully dressed, at least for la-la land, in a coral chiffon gown, with coral lipstick and coral pumps. She's the legendary plastic container company's top Southern California sales person. Pam is also a drag queen, par excellence. As played by local comedian Jeff Sumner, Pam was part of a last ditch job effort. Sumner, tired of the usual LA jobs like brewing cappuccinos for Beverly Hills fat cats, decided to follow in his mother's footsteps as a Tupperware sales lady. Donning wig, heels, and a campy manner derived from watching drag queens in area nighteries, Sumner's Tupperware parties became an immediate hit with the Westside gay and lesbian crowd. But Pam Teflon really hit her stride when word filtered out to the straight community and bored housewives across the LA basin started asking her to be their Tupperware Lady, too. Jeff, who considers the role more "performance art" than a sales job, has no cause for complaint in that area, either. Now ranked in the company's top ten sales reps, Pam is pulling in two thousand dollars per week. Not bad for a perapetically-employed comedian, who, until he donned drag, was lucky to pull in a tenth of that per week. And we thought crossdressing was supposed to hurt your employment opportunities!



IT'S NOT BREAST FORMS THEY NEED. Looks like more women are getting in touch with their masculine side. Witness the ad from a leading woman's magazine, or the full page article in a recent *New York Post,* or the legendary first issue cover of *George* (which showed xxxx dressed up as the father of our country), or Demi Moore in drag in the June issue of *Arena.* F2Ms even got a plug in the special "women's" edition of the *New Yorker* with a cartoon showing a business-suited man talking into a telephone and saying, "But, mom, I'm not your little girl any more." More and more of them are admitting to be crossdressers. The movement is not just limited to F2M TSs any longer. "We are definitely women and we want to stay that way. I couldn't be happier being who I am. It's not about what I'm not. It's about what I am," claimed one respondent interviewed by the *Post,* inadvertently echoing the words of many misunderstood M2F crossdressers. Maybe this means we'll soon see a different kind of "form" being advertised next to the breast forms in TG publications.

BICYCLE BUILT FOR TRANS. Lauren Manzano started cycling in 1992 to lose weight. Within a year, she was competing in women's races around the country. Within two years, she won the 1994 Central California District Championships. She placed tenth in the 1994 Women's Masters Nationals. Her performance qualified Manzano for the 1996 Olympic trials. Then Ms. Manzano stunned the cycling world, and the world at large, by proudly announcing she was transsexual and had had the operation at sweet sixteen. "I'm proud of who I am and what I have accomplished," says Manzano. Unlike many TSs who mainstream and disappear, Manzano mainstreamed and then reappeared. She lived twenty years, accepted as a "genetic woman," but found it "wasn't enough." Ms. Manzano had many reasons for coming out, among them the desire to encourage young TSs that they, too, can live their dream. "There are so many people like me who are younger that need support." Most people undergo a change of gears when they change sexes. But cyclist Manzano seems to have got in the habit. Now she changes gears on a daily basis.

***CROSS-TALK* CROSSED UP.** Kymberleigh Richards, she of the tricky first name and compulsively readable magazine, has sadly announced that *Cross-Talk* didn't achieve the circulation she hoped for at the newsstands. She's refocusing the publication back on a "subscribers only" basis. Apparently the newsstand reading public, and whatever members of the TG community saw *Cross-Talk* there, weren't willing to read about trans matters unless they are tricked out with lots of pretty pictures and color. And that's their loss. Around the IFGE offices, possession of each new issue becomes a hotly-contested battle royale. It's packed wall-to-wall with fascinating news, gossip, fashion and make-up tips, plus well written articles by the likes of Virginia Prince and Sheila Kirk, MD. In fact, if you've got a few dollars to spare after purchasing *Transgender Tapestry,* you couldn't make a better investment than a sub to Kymberleigh Richards' *Cross-Talk.*

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The Man *in the* Red Velvet Dress

A column for CDs

J. J. Allen

I think of myself, as perhaps do many CDs, as just your average-man-on-the-street who enjoys dressing up like a woman. You know the type: Suzy Sixpack, the working guy with a mortgage who can only get out crossdressed once or twice a month when Mom takes the kids to Grandma's or there's a Powder Puffs of California meeting.

My one getaway each year has been California Dreamin'. Unlike previous years, however, the thought of attending this year's event terrified me. Why? Because my first book, *The Man in the Red Velvet Dress: Inside the World of Cross-Dressing,* had just been released and I was on the agonized artist trip. You know, the one where you want to slash your wrists because you're utterly convinced that your "art" is junk? I was feeling like a used piece of crossdressed, post-modernist trash, and the last place I wanted be was around a bunch of people who were grooving on the scene.

As I was about to burn my latest manuscript, *Twenty Years a Prisoner on Panty Island* (Okay, so I had written it for Sandy Thomas Publications—do you have a problem with that?), and renounce crossdressing for a life of aimless, nomadic wandering through the urban wastelands of America, a friend gave me a call and told me to snap out of it, to pull myself together.

"Look," he reassured me, "most writers suffer from some form of psychosis, so just get used to it. And besides," he reasoned, "even if your book is junk, at least it has that cute 'Barbie Doll' cover."

"What do you mean by that?" I asked.

"You know how they lay out Barbie Doll dresses and accessories in those cute little boxes? Well, that's what my wife thinks the cover of your book looks like."

It suddenly struck me that for an adult literary effort to be compared to Barbie Doll packaging was the sort of amusing, yet disconcerting irony that could only happen in the life of an exploration that looks so different to those on the outside. Thus, while the monk is admired for sitting in rapt contemplation all day, we are vilified as narcissistic because the contemplation of our core issues sometimes has a cosmetic and social aspect that an outsider cannot appreciate.

This matter of how we package and promote ourselves and our odyssey, and how we are subsequently perceived, then, is an important one to explore, for the power of packaging and perception cannot be underestimated within a culture steeped in a sophisticated multimedia environment.

Take, for example, the classic Grecian torsos rendered on the cover of Martine Rothblatt's *The Apartheid of Sex*. There we see Michelangelo's David paired with an archetypally beautiful Eve figure. It's a well thought out, well executed cover—and certainly provides a sharp contrast with the cover my publisher designed.

The images of classical Greece colliding with those of Barbie Doll packaging makes for a provocative collage of transgenderism. As a timeless aspect of the human condition, transgenderism is truly a Pandora's Box from which spring challenging, complex, and sometimes compellingly unique images and issues: How do we define what it is to be human? How long must it take before we expand the limits of human freedom and expression? How viable are our present concepts of sex, sexuality, and gender?

After I returned home from California Dreamin', my friend's wife called to tell me that she had read my book while I was away. "It's definitely not Barbie," she offered, "but it's not bad. I learned some interesting things from it."

"Well, I'm glad to hear that," I replied.

"I think you should have done one thing differently though," she volunteered.

"What's that?" I asked.

"You should have put a Ken doll in the dress on the cover!" she enthused.

"That happened a long time ago," I said blankly.

"You mean Ken's a crossdresser?" she asked incredulously.

"Oh, it's gone beyond that," I said, "Ken is on hormones now and he's living full time as a woman. In fact, Mattel is coming out with a TS version of Ken. It will be named

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A Column For F2Ms

Passing Tips

by
Andy Gavin

Part 2

(Part 1 of Mr. Gavin's tips on passing for the F2M individual, issue #75, covered such topics as hair, shaving, sideburns, fake facial hair, breast concealers, voice, bathrooms, and body language.)

Clothes: If you live in a cosmopolitan area where there are a lot of butch lesbians, it's going to be much more difficult for you to pass. One way to help distinguish yourself from them is to dress preppy and conservative. Start with an ironed button-down shirt (loose, to help hide your chest), worn with ironed khakis, dress slacks, or neat-looking blue or black jeans. In the summer, you can avoid the androgyny of T-shirts and cutoffs by pairing short-sleeved button-down shirts with khaki shorts. Make sure your trousers fit low—this helps to hide both your hips and your waist. A dark brown or black leather belt is also a nice, masculine touch.

Of course, no look says masculine more than the three-piece suit. Ties are also a great way to pass, though there are many situations where you'll look too out-of-place in one. Don't spend a lot of money on new suits and jackets at this point. You'll bulk out of them once youre on hormones. Instead, find a good used clothing shop. In the Boston area we try:

Keezer's
140 River St.
Cambridge, MA
(617) 547-2455

If youre looking for new clothes in smaller sizes, try:

Lebow Bros.
178 Linden St.
Wellesley, MA 02181
(617) 431-7194

There's also a catalogue you can order from:
Short Sizes, Inc.
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Cleveland, OH 44137
Ph: (216) 475-2515
Fax: (216) 475-7440

Jewelry: If youre very small-boned, try a 3/4 size mens watch. It looks substantial and masculine without emphasizing how thin your wrists are. A tie tack is a good way to keep your tie out of the soup, though some people consider them too old-fashioned.

Pants-stuffers: There are a number of products available to simulate the look and feel of genetic male equipment in your pants. These range from homemade devices made from unlubricated condoms and hair gel—always "double-bag" the condoms to prevent leakage—to more expensive items. I can highly recommend the $85 custom-made Transitional Prosthesis. It can be worn with any kind of underwear, including boxers, is very comfortable, looks good, and feels right if you get grabbed. It also stays in place during sports, and Ive heard you can even swim in it. For more information contact:

Randy Ingersoll
315 Running Brook
Mesquite TX 75149

If you want to spend less, you can buy something called a Glue Slug at Natural Wonders in the Cambridgeside Galleria in Cambridge, MA for around $6. It's supposed to be a fun toy for teaching kids about physics, but it also makes a good pants-stuffer. Just place it in an unlubricated condom so it wont gather lint, and then in an old sock so it wont pull at your hair. The Glue Slug is item #Z015, and the company's address is:

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Shoes: These can be a real problem if you have small

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The Fashion Police

The 10 Worst Fashion Errors

CDs and TSs M2Fs Make

By
Carolann Gillard

While it's helpful to keep abreast of current fashion styles and trends, it's of greater importance to understand how different clothing styles and colors detract from or enhance your individual figure. The perfect outfit can create a look, an attitude, a feeling of confidence...

High heels, short skirts and sexy blouses are entirely appropriate on the right figure, at the right time, in the right place. If you're fortunate enough to be tall, thin and gorgeous, wear a short sexy dress to a trendy nightclub and have a great time! Thin and gorgeous or not, however, that sexy dress would be a glaring fashion error if worn during the day to a mall or to a casual restaurant.

If, like so many of us, you have not been blessed with a perfect "feminine" figure, you are faced with the challenge of finding a style that will hide your flaws, either real or imagined. (By the way, be assured that every genetic female on the face of the earth is convinced she has a fatal figure flaw, so, you can relax in the sure knowledge that you're not alone. We're ALL paranoid about the way we look!)

The way we want to look is the point, by the way. The term "fashion error" is relative. It presupposes your goal is to dress appropriately for the occasion. If you choose to be outrageous, wear "in your face" outfits—good for you! In that case, "fashion errors" would not exist; you'd be making up your own rules. For the more conservative souls who want to blend fashionably with the rest of the world (i.e., "pass" better), there are some simple guidelines that will help you fashionably become just another face in the crowd.

Basic to good fashion is discovering which colors are best for you to wear. Can you wear strong, vibrant colors, or are the softer shades more flattering? As important as color, certainly, is the style and shape of your clothing. Flowing skirts, soft jackets, and overblouses conceal a myriad of figure flaws.

Since you didn't grow up a genetic female, you may have some catching up to do when it comes to learning what are the most flattering colors and fashion styles for you. The good news is you'll have lots of fun, it's easy, and it's free! First, go to your local shopping mall, take a seat, relax, and look for women who are your approximate age, size, and shape. Ditto for the workplace, in social situations, even at the grocery store. Pay attention to the style of clothing they wear, making a mental note of styles and colors that flatter them and that you think might look good on you.

Be realistic! Glaring fashion errors happen when we imagine we're younger, taller, or thinner than we really are. And remember, we're talking about "fitting in" and passing—not about fantasy!

So, back to the task at hand. Here's a list of fashion errors every TG woman (CD or TS) should avoid—some more glaring than others:

1. Being overdressed for the occasion,
2. Being underdressed for the occasion,
3. Wearing heavy evening makeup during the day,
4. Wearing five- or six-inch high heels with just about anything,
5. Thigh-high skirts worn by those of us not blessed with the body or the age range to carry it off,
6. Any clothing worn too tight,
7. Too many pieces of jewelry worn at the same time,
8. Mismatched separates, e.g., striped blouse with a print skirt,
9. Overpowering perfume,
10. Inappropriate hairstyle.

And remember, the list above applies to everyone. Crossdressers, genetic females, little green creatures from other planets... We're all looking for that perfect outfit that will make us look twenty years younger and twenty pounds thinner. I haven't found it yet, but the search gives me a great excuse to keep on shopping!

Carolann Gillard owns and operates Model's Resale, a gender-friendly fashion women's clothing and jewelry boutique. Of herself, she writes, "I love fashion; probably as much as you do! More to the point, however, fashion ***IS*** *my life. (Yes, it really is!)" She can be reached via this publication, or at Model's Resale, 969 Concord St., Framingham MA 01701 (508) 875-9094.*

Directory of Transgender Organizaions

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FEMALE-TO-MALE INTERNATIONAL: FTM, 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Support group.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: PO Box 35477, Houston TX 77235-5477. Annual conference on transgender legal and policy issues.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: IFGE, Box 229, Waltham MA 02154-0229. (617)894-8340 FAX (617)899-5703. Education, outreach.

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE: 2320 17th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009-2702. (202)332-6483 extension 3301, FAX (202)332-0207, TTY (202)332-6219. It is impossible to list all the gay and lesbian support groups. Write NGLTF for a referral to someone near you.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES: OIGS, 126 Western Ave, Suite 246, Augusta ME 04330. Ariadne Kane, MEd, Director (207)621-0858. Programs for professionals.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: 987 Old Eagle School Rd., #719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119 (24 hrs). Educational outreach and support group.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI-ESS): 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. Educational outreach and support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Write for referral to local chapter.

SPOUSES/PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE for EDUCATION: SPICE, c/o P. Rudd, PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77491. Annual conference for partners of gender-gifted males.

TS - TRANNSEXUALS IN PRISON: c/o Roni Lynne Soubrette, 104 Quineveree Ct., Castle Rock WA 09611. Support group.

LOCAL

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CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:** PO Box 564, Hadley MA 01035-0564. Support group. (413)-584-1487. E-mail: ae907@yfn.ysu.edu, an3131@anon.penet.fi

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TS - **MERISSA'S SUPPORT GROUP:** (508)358-5919. Support Group -First Sunday of month 6-10pm in Wayland, Massachusetts.

CD/TS/SO - **WAYLAND HOUSE:** PO Box 3128, Shawseen MA 01810-0804. Thursdays, Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.:** TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET. Support group.

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o TCNE, Inc., PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325. Support group.

CD/TS - **REFLECTIONS:** PO Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02027. (617)323-6528. Support group and other services.

FTM - **ENTERPRISE:** PO Box 629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130. (617)983-3264. FTM support group.

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F2M - **THE OFFICERS' CLUB:** 123 Moody St.. Waltham MA 02154. (617) 683-1095. Support group.

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TS - **GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TRANSSEXUALS:** (617)720-3413

CD/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** PO Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653. Support group.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

WRITERS ETC.: c/o Abby M. Greene: PO Box 6211, West Franklin NH 03235. (603) 934-3379. Support group.

NANCY STRAPKO, PhD: PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264. (603)536-1306. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH**: PO Box 211, Keene NH 03431. (603)924-8828. Support group.

CHESHIRE COUNSELING: 104 Cross St., Keene NH 03431. Ken DeVoid, EdD (603)357-5544. Psychotherapist.

MAINE (038-047)

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT:** Box 17622, Portland ME 04112. Support group.

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Churchill, PO Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894. (207)945-3092. Education, referrals, outreach.

VERMONT (050-059)

CD/TS - **VERMONT TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP:** For information leave message at (802)860-8430. Support group.

CONNECTICUT (060-069)

W. RILEY SNOW, MD: 1001 Farmington Ave, Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010. (203)582-1178. Psychiatrist.

CD/TS/SO - **CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY:** COS, PO Box 163, Farmington CT 06034. (203)657-4344. Support group.

TS **GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND:** 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. Clinton R. Jones, Director, (203)646-8651. Medical and psychological services.

TS/SO - **XX (TWENTY)CLUB:** PO Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387. Support group.

TS/SO - **IMAGES:** PO Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666. (203)779-9708 voice and FAX. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **P I GROUP:** PO Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245. Support group.

CD -**THE CONNECTICUT VIEW:** PO Box 2281, Milford CT 06460. Newsletter and directory.

NEW JERSEY (070-088)

CD/TS - **JUMPSTART CABLE:** PO Box 622, Paramus NJ 07653. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI DELTA MU:** PO Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001. (201)439-9618. Support group. Internet: cdm@carroll.com

CD/TS/SO - **MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS-GENDER:** PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. (908)219-9094. Support group.

CD/SO - **EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK:** ECCN, c/o MOG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. Support group.

CD/TS - **NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960. (201)663-0772. Support group.

CD/TS - **SOUTH JERSEY/SHORE AREA CHAPTER:** Renaissance SJ, PO Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. (800) 480-3152. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA NU RHO :** SNR, PO Box 9255, Trenton NJ 08650. 24-hour hot-line (800)480-3152. Support group.

NEW YORK (090-149)

CD/TS/SO - **CDI/NYGA:** c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coord., Muriel Olive, Director. (212)570-7389. Support group.

CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR):** (212)979-8547. Political action group.

CD/TS/SO - **IMPERIAL QUEENS & KINGS OF NY, LI, NJ, CT & PA:** Suite 120, 70-A Greenwich Village Ave, New York NY 10011. (212)229-1968 days, (212)627-1969 evenings. Support group.

TS - **GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT:** Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011. (212)620-7310. Support group.

CD/TS - **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK:** 561 Hudson St, PO Box 45, New York NY 10014. (201)794-1665 ext. 332, (718)461-9050 . Support group.

TS - **THE F2M FRATERNITY:** PO Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021. (908)298-8797 Marty Kincaid, or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin. Support group.

EDWARD S. CHESLOW, MD: 107 West 82nd Street, New York NY 10024. (212)362-0449. Internal Medicine, Board Certified.

CD/TS - **EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY:** Box 2783, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163. (212)388-7022. B&D-oriented support group.

TS - **METAMORPHOSIS:** PO Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island NY 11106-0260. (718) 728-4615. Support group. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:** G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. (201)794-1665, ext 2021. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNER:** PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720. (516)732-5115. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **HEMPSTEAD HOTLINE:** (516)485-6400.

CD/TS/SO - **HUNTINGTON HOTLINE:** (516)549-8700.

CD/TS/SO - **MIDDLE EARTH HOTLINE:** (516)679-1111.

CD/TS/SO - **LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION:** LIFE, PO Box 3015, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417. (516)283-1333. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB:** TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604. (518)436-4513 live Thurs. 7-9 p.m. or leave a message and instructions for calling back. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **EXPRESSING OUR NATURE (EON):** 523 W Onondaga St, Syracuse NY 13204-3226. Support group.

TRI-S - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA :** c/o Sharon Ann Stuart, PO Box 870, Oneonta NY 13820. (607)547-4118. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** P.O. Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226-1701. (716)643-2626. Support group.

LAWRENCE KRIEGER - ATTORNEY: 1 E. Main St. Suite #400, Rochester NY 14614. (800)719-3260, (716)325-2540. Gender-friendly law office. Free 1/2 hr consult readers *Transgender Tapestry*.

CD/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. (716)251-2132. Support group.

PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** TSG, 6020 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206. (412)661-7030. Support group.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616. Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins. (412)441-0857. Mental health services.

CD/TS - **TRANSPITT:** PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230. (412)224-6015. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** 2115 West 8th St, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717)780-1578. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, PO Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, PO Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020. (610)975-9119. Support group.

TS - **POSITIVE CHANGE:** c/o Pequin Place, 201 S Camac St., Philadelphia PA 19107. Joanna Sands (215)732-0603. Support group.

DELAWARE (197-199)

CD/TS- **TRANSSOCIETY SISTERS OF DELAWARE:** c/o Linda Marie, Ivy Hall, #6, Newark DE 19711. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER:** PO Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808. (302)995-1396. Support group.

WASHINGTON, DC (200-205)

CD/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o R. Lewis, PO Box 4064, Rockville MD 20849-4064. (800)496-9332 or (301)738-0389 after 7 pm ET and ask for Roberta. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON:** TGEA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822. Support group.

MARYLAND (206-218)

CD/TS/CD - **THE CLUB VICTORIA:** Box 682, Bowie MD 20718. (310) 805-2255. Support group.

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, LCSW, Pastoral Counselor, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814. (301)652-6448. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE:** c/o GLCC, Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. (410)837-5445, or switchboard 7-10pm (410)837-8888. Support group.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES,INC.: H. Martin Malin, PhD, 2114 N. Charles Street, Suite 3, Baltimore MD 21218. (410)528-1638. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS - **TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB:** c/o Diane Terrant, PO Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002. (301)453-3538. Support group.

VIRGINIA (220-246)

COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS: Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046. (703) 532-8723. Psychotherapist.

CD - **BLACK ROSE:** PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210. (301)369-7667. Support group.

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

ELLEN R. WARREN, LCSW: 1500 King Street, Ste 302, Alexandria VA 22314. (703)683-0710. Psychotherapist.

CD - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET:** PO Box 14716, Richmond VA 23221-0386. (804)752-4977. E-mail: vasecret@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS.So - **BEACH BUNNIES:** PO Box 64121M /Virginia Beach VA 23467. Support group.

WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

CD/TS - **THE VALLEY GIRLS:** TVG, PO Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064. Support group.

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV:** PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322. Support group.

NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

CD/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o Louise Hahn, PO Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114. (910)727-9661. Support group.

TRI-S - **KAPPA BETA:** PO Box 1358, Jamestown NC 27282-1358. Sherri Lynn Carmichael. Support group.

A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN: Rt 5, PO Box 564, Zebulon NC 27579. Chris Allen, (919)269-8698. Support group.

CD/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145. (704)642 1914. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANSSENSUAL ALLIANCE:** PO Box 25347, Charlotte NC 28229-5347. (704)551-8838 (voice mail). Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHI RHO-TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814. (704)253-9882. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC LPC:** Wilmington, Research Triangle Park. (910)395-0772. Psychotherapist.

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

PHOENIX THERAPY SESSIONS: 405 Pettigru, Greenville SC 29601. Carla Pridgen, (803)225-6938. Psychotherapist.

GEORGIA (300-319)

SARAH C. JAMES, CEI: Atlanta, Georgia. (404)622-1848. Electrology and counseling for transition.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.: Montgomery Institute, PO Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033. Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (404)603 9426. Mental health services.

TRI-S - **SIGMA EPSILON:** Sigma Epsilon, PO Box 272, Roswell GA 30077-0272. Erachel Cummings, (404) 552-4415. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ATLANTA GENDER EXPLORATION:** AGE, PO Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357. Petra Hoffman, (404)873-0361. Support group.

FLORIDA (320-340)

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper, (904)332-8178. Referrals.

CD/TS/TG - **PANTRA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

TRI-ESS - **TAU LAMBDA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.: PO Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607. (904)332-6638. Referrals.

TRI-ESS - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS:** PO Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261. (407)677-9540. Support group.

CD/TS - **BUTTERFLIES OF THE WORLD:** For information contact April-Lynne Fowler, PO Box 2782, Orlando Fl 32802-2782. (407)841-3125. Support group.

CD/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, PO Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood, (407)425-4527. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SERENITY:** PO Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. (305)436-9477. Support group.

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY:** PO Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692. (305)784-9316. Support group.

LIBBY A. TANNER, PhD, LCSW, LMFT: 5901 S.W. 100 Terrace, Miami FL 33156. (305)665-4934. Psychotherapist.

ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.: 1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162. Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director. (305)651-6442

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING: 2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, (305)936-8000. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **ANIMAS:** PO Box 420309 Miami FL 33242. Support group.

GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER: 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428. (800)328-2633.

CD/TS/SO - **STARBURST:** PO Box 298, Lithia FL 33547-0298. (813)633-9653. Support group.

CD/TS - **TAMPA SISTERS:** TGIF, PO Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819. (813)935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information. Support group.

TAMPA STRESS CENTER: PO Box 273107, Tampa FL 33688-3107. Carl W. Bushong, PhD, (813)884-7835. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/TG - **PATHWAYS:** PO Box 51462, Fort Myers FL 33905-1462. (941)693-1136. Support group.

TS - **ENCHANTE:** c/o ACP, 1180 Cleveland St. Clearwater FL 34615. (813) 849-5546. Support group.

TS - **ECLIPSE:** PO Box 2826, Pinellas Park FL 34664-2826. (813)546-3089 (Felisha TS). Support group.

A CLINICAL APPROACH COUNSELING CENTER, INC.: Coral Springs, Florida, Marcia L. Schultz, PsyD, Clinical Director. (305) 345-2292. Psychotherapist.

ALABAMA (350-369)

TS - **MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, PO Box 3361, Montgomery AL 35109. Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (205)272 -2726. Mental health services/support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, PO Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Michelle Steadman, (205)880-9660. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA SOUTH:** SERGA, PO Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Lisa Jackson. Support group.

TENNESSEE (370-384)

CD/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209. (615)664-6883 voice mail. Support group. E-mail:ttp://www.transgender.org/tg/tvals/index.html

GEORGE R. BROWN, MD: Department of Psychiatry, Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684. (615)926-1177 ext. 7709. Psychiatrist.

CD/TS/SO - **MEMPHIS TG ALLIANCE:** PO Box 11052, Memphis TN 38111-0052. Support group.

MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

CD/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073. (601)845-1328. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA CHI MISSISSIPPI:** PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253. Lee Frances, Secretary, (601)982-7678 (24 hrs). Support group.

KENTUCKY (403-427)

CD/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, PO Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458. (502)368-9918, Janet, (502)635-7995, Patricia. Support group.

OHIO (434-457)

CD/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Reynoldsburg OH 43068-0287. (614)231-1368. Support group.

NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201. (614)299-6600.

GLASS CITY SISTERS: PO Box 8532, Toledo OH 43623. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA OMEGA:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053. (216)556-0067. Support group.

CD - **PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, PO Box 29564, Parma OH 44129. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** PO Box 1692, Cincinnati OH 45201. (606)581-3711, E-mail: crossport@aol.com. Support group.

INDIANA (463-479)

CD/TS/F2M/M2F/SO - **INDIANA CROSS-DRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220. Danielle (317)781-0834, or Gerri (812)882-4755. Support group.

MICHIGAN (480-499)

CROSSROADS: PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Messages: (313)537-3267. Support group.

HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER: Sandra L.Samons, DCSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103. (313) 663-7871. Gender services & referals for UM Gender Program.

LEE PADULA, PhD: 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154. (313)953-3333. Psychotherapist.

GLENY STENOFF, MSW: 32316 Five Mile, Suite #3, Livonia MI 48154. (313)421-4411. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** NGDO, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202. Justina Williams, President, (313)842-5258. Education and support.

TRI-S - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA DETROIT:** c/o Tri-Ess, 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. (temporary). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Support group.

IOWA (500-528)

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. (402)398-1255, E-mail: sgibbons@synergy.net. Support group.

PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION: Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, PO Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241-5265. (319)354-3189, FAX (319)337-2045

TRI-S - **IOWA ARTISTRY:** Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406. Support group.

CD/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319)324-6941 from 6-9pm. Support group.

TS - **PHOENIX:** E-mail: ASuper@AOL.com. Support group.

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW (515)277-7754. Psychotherapist.

WISCONSIN (530-548)

TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP: c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918. (414)271-3322. Psychotherapy.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211. Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, CICSW, (414)332 5407. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214. (414)297-9328 (voicemail). Support group.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304. (414)774-4111. Full service TS facility.

MINNESOTA (550-567)

CD/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117. (612)220-9072 (voicemail). Support group.

GENDER EDUCATION CENTER: GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis MN 55311. Debbie Davis, Director. (612)424-5445, FAX (612)424-8595. Educational outreach.

TRI-S - **BETA GAMMA:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408. (612) 870-8536. Support group.

DISTRICT 202: 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408. Safe place for youth.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414. (612)229-3613. Support group.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625 1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Full service TS facility.

TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM: Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625-1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Educational outreach.

ILLINOIS (600-629)

RONALD B. BARON, MD: 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035. (708)432-7007. Psychiatrist.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY: PFTC, c/o Ellie Altman, Northbrook IL 60062. (847)564-9496, e-mail: EllieAlt@aol.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHAPTER:** PO Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. (708)262-8707. Support group.

RANDI ETTNER, PhD: 1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201. (708)328-3433. Psychotherapy.

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:** PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder, (312)486-3125, (312)252-7024, Sheila L. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY:** CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (708)863-7714. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION:** CIGA, PO Box 182, Washington IL 61571. (309)444-9918, JoAnn. Support group.

MISSOURI (630-658)

CD/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** StLGF, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. (314) 367-4128. StLGF@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** MAGGIE, c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Coalition.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Stacey K. Connors, 1101 S. Liberty Drive, Liberty MO 64068. (816)792-0304. Support group.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact Dee Farmer, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6.

KANSAS (660-679)

CD/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS:** CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204. (913)791-3847. Support group.

CD/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831. Support group.

NEBRASKA (680-693)

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. Support group.

CD/TS/TG - **THE ALLIANCE FOR TS:** PO Box 365, Alliance NE 69301. Support group.

LOUISIANA (700-714)

CD/TS/SO - **GULF AREA GENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 56836, New Orleans LA 70156-6836. (504) 833-3406. Support group.

CD/TS/SO **NEW GROUP FORMING:** c/o LA Belle, PO Box 4373, Baton Rouge LA 70821-4373. Support group.

ARKANSAS (716-729)

TRI-S - **MU SIGMA:** PO Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221. (501)227-8798, (501)523-2466. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - **DANIELLE'S GETAWAY:** c/o Danielle Storm, PO Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061. Support group.

OKLAHOMA (730-749)

TRI-S - **SIGMA BETA:** PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Support group.

CD/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. (918)582-6643/835-5334. Support group.

CD/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. Support group.

TEXAS (750-799)

TRI-S - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:** PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014. (214)264-7103. Support group.

CD/TS - **AGAPE:** 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075. (214)424-1234. Support group.

CD/TS - **HELP ME...ACCCEPT ME OF DALLAS:** 6753 Camp Bowie Blvd., #177, Fort Worth TX 76116. Supprt group.

GEORGE T CARPENTER, III, DO & ASSOCIATES: 1101 Cheek-Sparger Rd, Suite 121, Colleyville TX 76034. (817)498-8707. Transgender medical therapy.

SO - **WIVES'/PARTNERS' SUPPORT**: PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77036. (909) 875-2687.

TS - **TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR TS SUPPORT:** P.O. BOX 142, Bellaire TX 77401. (713)827-5913. Support group.

TRI-S - **TAU CHI CHAPTER-TRI ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713)988-8064 voice. Support group.

ROSENBERG CLINIC, GENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM: 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX `77550. (409)763-0016. Medical, psychological care and support groups.

SO - **WATS:** PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. (210)980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY:** PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163 (210)980-7788. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** PO Bx 15381, Austin, TX 78761. (512)515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm. Support group.

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COLORADO (800-816)

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CD/TS - **THE PHOENIX PROJECT:** 1740 South Buckley Road, #6-178, Aurora CO 80017. Psychotherapy.

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CD/TS - **GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215. (303) 202-6466. Educational outreach.

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WYOMING (820-831)

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UTAH (840-847)

CD/TS - **REFLECTION HOUSE:** PO Box 628, Pleasant Grove UT 84062. FAX (801)224-4737. Support group.

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NEW MEXICO (870-884)

TRI-S - **FIESTA!:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109. Support group.

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NEVADA (890-898)

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feet. The boys' section of a department store can be a good place to start. I've had good luck with the shiny (as opposed to "greasy" finish) Doc Martens Oxfords. They make good dress shoes (especially if you can find a pair without the trademark yellow stitching), and they come in sizes as small as a UK 3 (US boys 4 1/2). They also add about an inch to your height. I've also heard of a company that makes shoes with lifts:

Richlee Shoe Company
P.O. Box 3566
Frederick MD 21705

Socks: Men tend to wear white socks only with athletic shoes, so stick to dark socks with other shoes. If your feet are too small for men's dress socks, wear boys' socks; if you can't find any boys dress socks you like, the women's black socks at Banana Republic and the Levi's Shop made good dress socks {Don't worry, no one will know you're cross-dressed :-)}. For smaller sweat socks, Woolworth's sells very inexpensive 10-packs of boys' size 9-11 white socks.

The finishing touch: A very large part of passing is sheer confidence and bravado. If you really believe you're a man (which you are) and project this belief to the rest of the world, it will go a long way towards convincing others as well. Any difficult feature you might have (high voice, smooth face, small shoulders, wide hips, lack of height, etc.) may be one that some genetic men have also. There are even genetic men with enlarged chests (male gynecomastia).

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For dealing with paperwork, name changes, etc., Dallas Denny's *Identity Management in Transsexualism* is very helpful. It can be obtained from:

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Remember, all these tips are just guidelines based on what has worked for myself and others. With experimentation, you can find out what works best for you.

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Kendall."

"Get out of here!" she insisted.

"No, really," I asserted, "Mattel has faced so many complaints about the sexist stereotypes perpetuated by Ken and Barbie that they decided to do a TS doll for balance."

"Oh yeah, right," she groaned. "If there really were a Kendall doll, how would you package it?"

Hers was one of those funny questions with serious overtones, for how would we present such a doll? Could we use such a creation to teach children that boys can be girls and girls can be boys? The religious right would definitely go ballistic at the mere suggestion of such a doll, for it would threaten terribly their gender norms as embodied by Ken and Barbie. It would also introduce questions, perhaps even conflicts, about the nature of masculinity and femininity into the lives of children.

But would such conflict necessarily be bad, or would it encourage a broader exploration of self at an earlier, and more advantageous, age in life? Kendall would certainly be an unusual seraph issuing forth from the Pandora's Box of transgenderism. While I'm not altogether sure that either side is ready for such a doll, Kendall is nevertheless one of the many intriguing beings, phantasms, and ideas that fly out when one opens forbidden boxes!

And yet, the very fact that such boxes are forbidden to be opened is the very reason that they must be opened: For those boxes contain the great and terrible secrets, experiences, temptations, and insights we need to uncover and explore if we are to fully partake of the mysteries, trials, and triumphs of being human.

As God has apparently ordained, there seem to be few better at the art of opening forbidden boxes than the transgendered. However, that we possess this artistry is one reason why we are so often viewed as both a fascinating and threatening people. The key question of packaging thus remains: How do we change our image from that of transgressor to that of liberator? How do we become avant garde rather than merely the provocative?

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APO (090-)

SARAH J.
(APO-M5202-K11536-77)
TV, 18/20, American living in Germany. "Love to travel & have been out in public both in the States & Germany. Plan to explore the world more as I would like to meet others who want to do the same. Am a slow writer, but will write to anyone who wishes to correspond."

DONNA W.
(APO-M5600-K12394-76)
MWM bi, 52. "Crossdressing since childhood. Second wife knows & helps. Cannot meet as I live & work outside the country. Mbr FIL for years. Like to write & will answer all."

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MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)

SUSAN A.
MA-P-M0064-K0206-79
"Mbr Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature & clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests."

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-76)
"TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM, 69, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, writes to many other TVs. Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones & live full time as a woman."

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
"TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. Attended 60 weekends & 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room."

AUDREY M.
(E MA-P-M0280-K1855-77)
"MWM bi-TV, 58, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, wood working. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-79)
"Member of IFGE and INNvestments. Widowed WMCD, 74, 5'9", 185. Retired, good listener, honest & intelligent Passes well. Like photography, sailing gardening, good music raising butterflies. Would like contact with CDs in SE MA area."

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-76)
"SWM TV, 59, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Like photography, treasure hunting, '40's &'50's music, dogs, nature, & being a lady. I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Ma, especially Metro-West area."

SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-79)
SBiM TV, 40, 5'10", 165, easy-going, understanding, safe and discreet. "I would like to correspond with TV/TSs and understanding ladies who would like to help with my femininity. I would also like to be a friend to someone who is going through transition."

JULIE WINSLOW
(MA-M1587-K0217-82)
MWM TG, 40. Member of INNvestments. "Supportive wife to share wear with. Do not go out crossdressed except to meetings and such. Natural farmer, artist, ACTIVIST."

ARLENE SUSAN L.
(MA-P-M1648-K0121-77)
Mbr of TCNE. MWM hetero TV, 5'10, 205. "Love dressing completely as a woman, going out & developing the ability to pass in public & blend in to the feminine world. Married; wife not supportive. Interested in TG friends who are sincere & have the same likes."

DEBBIE SAWYER
(MA-P-M2170-K2590-77)
DWM, 40s, Mbr AXA, Tri-Ess. "CD seeking the spiritual feminine, balance of masculine & feminine, new friends. Would like to met supportive & understanding women."

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-79)
MWM, mid-40s. "Wife knows & we are working on it. After such a long time hiding, I am cautiously & slowly coming out. Would appreciate helping words or hand from someone further along the path. Prefer central MA."

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-79)
WM, TV, 6', 190. "Wife knows, wants nothing to do with it. Wouldn't pass in a dark room. I just know how I feel when dressed. I love it all, and it makes me feel good, comfortable, relaxed. Therapy to accept myself didn't really work. I may feel guilty even after a lifetime of dressing. Need an outlet for the real me."

LAUREN & GENITA M.
(MA-M3000-K5187-76)
"A couple who volunteer at IFGE. Lauren wears size 12, Genita size 4. We don't share dresses. We share a great selection of accessories & many happy times being unafraid of ourselves. Write to anyone who may need support/help being in love with a transgendered person."

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-78)
Mbr TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. "Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. Moving to NH shortly. Coming out step by step. I invite you to join me to share support & friendship. Is the understanding & acceptance of this duality a spiritual path?"

BOBBIE SOKOLOWSKI
(MA-P-M3869-K426-78)
"I'm Bobbie, attractive, clean TV, easy going, open, mature, warm, lonely, seeking a deep relationship with a very attractive, tall clean, fit non- or very light smoker/drinker bi-W female or TV/TS with same qualities. Let's meet together with our love of femininity. Berkshire County area. Photo/phone."

CAROLYNNE K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-79)
TCNE, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, "Narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, homemaking, dressing & engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, & secure social interaction. Single, await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender."

LAWRENCE C.
(MA-P-M4381-K5124-77)
"Age 62-years young. Vegetarian for 15 years, but I do eat some fish. Like classical music, the outdoors & cooking. Interested in the arts & very feminine women. Looking for a close friendship with same interests. Have just moved to the east coast & starting life over again."

JESSICA CHRISTY COLLINS
(MA-P-M4977-K6982-76)
"Late 30s. Dressing actively for six years, although this has been a lifelong pursuit. Enjoy regular nights out in New York, Los Angeles & elsewhere. Looking to invest more productive days out in support of our community. Interested in everything."

COLLEEN BARNARD
(MA-M5399-K11861-78)
MWM. "Been dressing since teens. Wife is aware but not supportive. Member IFGE, SIS. Love all aspects of being feminine: high heels, lingerie. Interests are reading, history and computers. Desire to meet/correspond to share experiences and develop friendships. Would like to hear, have advice on how to make family more accepting. Please write."

RACHEL B.
(MA-M5454-K10563-79)
SWM, CD, 28. "Crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy everything feminine, still in closet, though. Interested in meeting other CD/TVs in NE area for support, friendship, relationship? Try to answer all. Please send photo. Robin S. in CT: lost your letter, please write again."

JOSEPHINE B.
(MA-P-M5544-K12262-81)
SWM, 59, 5'11", 205. "Like to hear from mature CDs in SE Mass & nearby RI. Non-passable. Love dressing at home."

PAULA B.
(W-MA-P-M5571-K1985-77)
Member of Sunshine CIub. "Would like to meet others in the life-style to share the great gift of transgenderism. Please write. Love to go out to eat and shop, the club scene, but no drinking or drugs. High on life."

CHERYL EASTON
(MA-M5579-K10010-76)
"Married, 45, 5'7, size 20, non-op TS. Mbr TCNE. I enjoy all things about being a woman. Would love to hear from othe TS/TVs for girl talk. Would enjoy getting together with other ladies in NE area. Still waiting for a decent photo of me to publish."

KITTY C.
(MA-M5624-K10919-76)
"OBJECTIVE MARRIAGE. DBF, seeks tall, professional, white TV who is dynamic, humorous, honest, non-submissive, not in the closet, or completely caught up with 'clothes.' I want a *REAL* person who I can grow old with & share new adventures. Send detailed letter with picture."

SUZIE STVENS
(MA-P-M5681-K12555-77)
TV 35, blonde hair, green eyes, 5'8", 140. "Seeking males 35+ to help me explore the fetish scene in the northeast."

ALICIA CARLA LONGSTREET
(MA-M5749-K12703-99)
"TALL fun loving post-op TS, with legs that just don't stop. I am interested in a permanent monogamous relationship with a good looking tall man, late 30s to early 50s. I like to ski (snow & water), play golf, play cards (especially bridge), go for long walks, & enjoy the outdoors. I love to cook (some people say I am skilled at it), & I love to cuddle in front of a roaring fire."

KAREN M.
(MA-P-M5818-K2137-78)
WM, 47, 5'7", 135, brown, blue eyes. "Passable. Interested in meeting someone who can walk the walk and shop the shop, in public, of course. But only available for public outings on a limited basis."

LAUREN P.
(MA-M5831-K12802-78)
"Ingenue WM CD, slender, 5'8", 130, youthful 40, blonde/blue. Comfortably closeted, would like correspondence/friendship with nurturing, passable CD/TV/TS/hermaphrodite or female for girl talk and to explore new-found femininity and the alchemy of makeup. Photo would be nice, but will respond to all."

RHODE ISLAND (027- 029)

ANDREA K.
(RI--M1771-K1934-79)
"5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs & talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, & becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, & treated as one."

MARYBETH COOPER
(RI-M3744-K8198-77)
"SWM CD, 30s. Looking for support & advice. Would especially like to hear from understanding females. Let's chat!"

ALISON YOUNG
(RI--M4650-K10273-76)
"Thanks to the girls who have written. Keep in touch. I will try to write more often. Love rock & roll, history, & going out en femme. Mbr Tiffany Club of New England."

VANESSA MURRAY
(RI--M4696-K10385-78)
"47-year-old M CD in a wonderful relationship with enthusiastic lady. Mgr. of book sales for IFGE. Stop in to America's first transgender bookstore so we can meet and chat. My spouse and I send you peace and love."

PATRICIA LYNN ROSS
(RI-P-M5499-K3302-76)
"M2F pre-op, single, bi. Live & work full-time as Patricia (Trish). Love people, music, & my cat. Can provide counseling for those in transition."

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030- 038)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-M0731-K0277-99)
"Post-op, new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing & all things feminine. Editor of the *TV-TS Confidential Magazine*. We need cover girls."

DIANE THOMAS
(NH-P-M4350-K9594-76)
"MWM, CD, 6', 155. Lifelong CD with passion for silky lingerie, short skirts & heels. Wife

tolerant but not supportive. Travel extensively & would like to make friends with similar interests."

SAMANTHA KELLY
(NH-M5321-K11816-78)
"Educated, professional, SW, 34, hetero, varied interests to include my feminine persona. Seeking attractive biological females or transsexuals (or those on the way) who would like to share their feelings, experiences, & insight. Willing to trade pictures & possibly meet. New to this lifestyle & looking for friends."

SHERI SERENA P.
(NH-M5661-K9902-77)
"44, hetero. I'm still in the closet even though I have been wearing women's clothes since age twelve. I put on my first slip, bra & nylons then, & always loved shiny, wet-look type clothes. Thanks for understanding. Would like to correspond with someone."

MAINE (038- 047)

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-77)
"Member Transupport, divorced pre-op TS, 42, 5'8", 127, 12, dressing since age 3, out since October 1992. Vegetarian. Don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined, on speaker's bureau. Interested in Transcendental Meditation, theater, creative writing, nature day trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, correspondence."

CYNTHIA T.
(ME-P-M5121-K11173-81)
"5'7, MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies. Request help to realize potential. Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TG women, build friendships, learn the art of passing."

VERMONT (050- 059)

JOAN MARIE L.
(VT-M0528-K0340-79)
"SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, & travel. Real passion for lingerie, esp. bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery & heels. Wish to correspond with TGs."

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-77)
"Mbr Sunshine Club. Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the NE who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are."

CLARISSA LYNN MICHAELS
(VT-M4760-K10702-78)
MWM. 50! "Wife is absolutely supportive and comfortable with our community. Married 25 years. Dressing with varied intensity and frequency since early teens. Out of self-imposed closet since '92. Not totally passable, but enjoy being dressed. Looking for like couples as pen-pals to share experiences. Will answer all. Discretion assured!"

SARAH CARPENTER
(VT-M5678-K12536-77)
TS, tall, middle-aged, married, out for three years. "Like to dress as a professional woman, dining out and shopping. Happy as a female, unhappy as a male. Nonsupportive wife. Will correspond."

CONNECTICUT (060- 069)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-76)
"SWM, hetero, 5'10", quiet, understanding, lives alone. Enjoy, being en-femme, meeting CDs & especially GGs for girl talk, etc., & country music. Like to meet a couple who enjoy going in public with me. Others say that I pass well. Would like photo with first letter—which I will return."

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-79)
"Married, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. Like to develop friendships in the TG community, & welcome correspondence."

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-78)
"Mbr Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair. Quiet & sincere. Enjoy cross-country skiing, music, theater, & travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine CDs for correspondence or get-togethers."

RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-78)
60s, 5'11", 180. "Attended Fantasia Fair seven years, Tiffany Club First Event 6 years. Member COS. Miss Provincetown, 1991. Supportive wife and daughters that know Ramona. Love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of Crossdressing and being Ramona."

RON THOMPSON
(CT-M2477-K3501-78)
"Compassionate, empathetic gentleman who loves the beauty of a sensual feminine CD. I am a handsome, muscular & a successful professional. I would love to share good wine & food with a beautiful CD who is happy, intelligent, likes music & dancing. Love, Roni."

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-82)
Mbr COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late 40s. "Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Interested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. Been dressing fully since early 20s. Attended First Event '95 & '96. Look forward to future gatherings and helping others."

MONICA LEE MARIE
(CT-P-M3506-K7202-77)
"Single, sensual CD; 33, 5'11", 175. Attended the Texas T Party '94 Prefer a genetic (single) woman to share the feminine spirit heart-to-heart and eye-to-eye. Love movies, romantic dinners, conversation, music and shopping. Your place or mine?"

STACI H.
(CT-P-M4520-K4199-77)
"Ct Outreach Society, married. Girl at heart who is very friendly & fun-loving. Loves to talk about clothes & fashions with girlfriends & boys who want to be girls. Would love to girl-talk with you, too."

ANN MARTINEAU
(CT-M5091-K8156-77)
"CD(maybe TS) just accepting myself as such. Am seeking friends for support/advice/good times in NE CT. Will respond to all. Live, love, laugh!"

MICHELLE C.
(CT-P-M5725-K12671-77)
Bi W TV, professional, loves to dress up. "I like fine wine, travel, computers and-ooh la la!-sexy lingerie. If you would like to know more, drop me a letter."

RACHEL COURTNEY
(CT-M5737-K12692-77)
"Would love to correspond with other M2F wannabees in CT or elsewhere. Share your story with me, and I promise to do the same. Would also love to hear from post-ops who could use an understanding friend. I promise to answer every letter. Please drop me a line!"

NEW JERSEY (070- 088)

JOANNA G.
(NJ-M0520-K445-76)
"Young at heart pre-op TS. Want to meet mature, hetero man aware of real life values & his child within. Like outdoors, theatre, music, & reading. Letters from TSs with surgical exp. Photo gets mine."

SARAH W.
(NJ-M1894-K2209-76)
"SWM, 5'6, 152, Returning to CD after several years. Still shy. Seeking friends (esp. local) for mutual assistance, & support. Sound, sincere, discreet. Will answer all."

LEIGH H.
(NJ-M3024-K5328-78)
SWM CD/TV, 5'10", 50-look, act younger. "Love everything feminine. Clean shaven. Sometimes submissive . . . sometimes not. Love fishing, outdoors, photography, painting, long walks, quiet evenings at home. Good natured. Answer all with photo. Yours gets mine. Come on, you know you want to!"

PAMELA G.
(NJ-RP-M3070-K5682-81)
"Mbr Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. SO knows but doesn't want to meet her, which leaves me in need of one on one help with fashion, makeup, etc. Would like to hear from TG/GG from Bergen Cnty. Will answer all."

BABS C.
(NJ-P-M3219-K6211-77)
Mbr MOTG, Renaissance, Imperial Queens, Secty of GNYGA. "Married with loving, supportive wife. Enjoy fine art, music, standard bred horses, tennis and writing. Travel to NYC, New Hope, Poconos, Aycee and Florida en femme. Cruised to Caribbean entirely en femme. Meet other couples for dinner, clubs, shopping and serious talk."

PORSCHEA ANN P.
(NJ-P-M3297-K6553-77)
"Mbr MOTG, 5'5, 130, size 9, professional & secure TS on hormones & evolving into what I was meant to be: a pretty woman. I enjoy spending time with my friends, dancing & dining. Attractive feminine body, physically fit & starting to pass. Work minded & advenutrous."

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-78)
"Mbr Renaissance. TCNE First Event '93, 4, 5, 6. Attend other events each year. Attractive & feminine when dressed. Open-minded. Wish to meet TGs for friendship & socializing. Photo appreciated."

JANE T.
(NJ-M3487-K7209-78)
MWM, hetero, 6', 196, 51, athletic build, understanding wife. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, B & D, heels and especially RUBBER. "Have a full beard and prefer not to leave the closet for obvious reasons. Enjoy corresponding and will respond to all!"

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-M3637-K7810-76)
"Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG cmunty. Goal to help others out of closets, & to help the TGs legally & socially. Want to network with those with similar goals."

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-81)
"Mbr of Renaissance. Attend many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. Only hobby is being feminine. Love to entertain & share girl things. Love going out to have fun. I correspond lots & answer all sooner or later. Pictures help."

PATRICIA L.
(NJ-P-M3897-K6468-76)
24, 6'2", 160, single TS. MS Genetics. "I enjoy the outdoors, science, reading & music. Am taking time out to transition."

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-76)
"MWM, hetero, 6'1", 200, blue eyes. SO has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which hurts. Crossdressed since age five with mom's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo nice."

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-76)
"Mbr IFGE, Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho, LIFE, CDI, *News Briefs* Editor. '94 Holiday En Femme. Married, hetero, 5'8", 160, supportive SO & 3 daughters. Love concerts, dining & shopping. Exchange letters & photos with sisters, increasing responsibilities slow replies."

DENISE BRUNNER
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-78)
MWM hetero CD late 30s, 5'7". "Vice President of Chi Delta Mu of Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94, Holiday En Femme '95. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Enjoy going out en femme. Looking for friendship and to share experiences with. Address on Internet: denise@carroll.com"

SUSAN LYNETTE
(NJ-P-M4700-K10391-78)
President Chi Delta Mu chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, wife supportive. "Enjoy going out with friends and helping new girls to get out and meet others just like us. Give me a good reason to go out and I'm gone. I will write back and send pictures."

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-78)
"Just recently came out & loving every minute. 5'6", 140. Like photography & music. Want to help sisters with photos. Love being a girl & look forward to meeting other girls like me. Want to hear from you."

JAKE L.
(NJ-P-M4993-K10634-76)
"Romantic, educated, professional gentleman, 30s, 6', 180, admirer. Seek true an caring friendship with TS or feminine TG person 21-45. Understanding & supportive of gender issues. Enjoy shopping, fun times & cozy nights. Travel extensively."

VERONICA LANE
(NJ-P-M5028-K9121-76)
Renaissance. Hetero CD, 42, smooth shaven. "Enjoy correspondence, photo exchange, club Edelweiss, hosting dress-up parties at my home. Fun-loving, open-minded. Smoke, drink, & dance."

FRANCIS F.
(NJ-M5110-K1263-77)
"MWM, hetero. Love dressing stylishly. Black nightgowns & sexy lingerie were made for me. Feel the same? Good, let's chat. Love corresponding. All letters answered."

SISSY L.
(NJ-M5268-K11129-79)
DWM, hetero, submissive, 47. "Seek correspondence and possible relationship with S/DWF any age. I like to wear panties, pantyhose, stockings, garter belts, and girdles. Would like to learn how to walk in heels. Will answer all letters from any females. Only answer men who were caught dressed by spouse."

BRANDY LEE
(NJ-P-M5491-K1014-76)
"Androgynous male with strong TG desires. 5'11", 150. Seeks M2F TG, 18-30, slender, long-straight hair. Let's explore our female selves together."

JACKIE F. G.
(NJ-M5551-K2772-76)
36, W CD. "I live in central New Jersey. I am interested in developing friendships with males or females who are supportive of crossdressing."

VERONICA W.
(NJ-P-M5675-K12525-77)
SWM, 42, bi-TV, 6', 160. "Longtime crossdresser. Enjoy the thrill of passing and dating as a woman. My interests include cooking, theater, reading. Would like to correspond with other TV/TSs and other interested males or females. Exchange photos with letter."

SUSAN W.
(NJ-P-M5778-K11569-78)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. CD, 42, with flair for dressing sensually, knows how to dress fashionably. "I frequently shop at malls en femme, also dining out, day trips, historic sites, antique and craft shops museums, flea markets and photography. Appreciate autumn leaves, snowfalls, fireplaces and sunsets. Do you have similar interests?"

JILL ANGELIQUE JARIS
(NJ-P-M5817-K10072-78)
39-year-old TV. "Came out of the closet 8 years ago. Hope to become TS someday. Would like to correspond and/or meet with other transgendered sisters."

NEW YORK (090- 149)

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-99)
"Mbr Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically & culturally oriented. Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence."

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-79)
"Mbr Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Like clean-cut clothes & tall heels. Loves to correspond. If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly."

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-79)
Mbr of Tri-Ess.

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K0555-76)
"Mbr Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, & being outdoors. I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it."

VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-79)
"46-y/o CD, attorney, divorced, but recently (re)married a beautiful and supportive lady who gives Vickie emotional support and fashion assistance. Vickie also enjoys song-writing, plays guitar and bass, loves country music. Member LIFE, former member Chi Delta Mu. Former Editor *LIFElines*. Other commitments keep me from being as active as I'd like at the present time."

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-79)
"Size 10, TG businesswoman. Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride & confidence. Silks & suits or shirts & sweats. Welcome to my world."

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-78)
SWM, 5'10", 190. "Interested in outdoors, reading & fishing. Girl friend supportive. Love the total feminine look to be a passable lady. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY & northeastern PA."

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-78)
"Mbr TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 55, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, SF. An over-all outdoors country girl."

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-78)
"Mbr of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, Sci-Fi. Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image."

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-78)
"I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria & I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine & I am very proud. Class & dignity are my life & tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . of mind . . of spirit . . "

FRAN B.
(NY-M2781-K4612-78)
SWM CD, 5'9", 154. "Former FI chorus girl. Want to make friends with TSs, including F2M. Love romantic dinners & good conversation. Like to dress

in a business woman's outfit. Please only reply if you are a discreet individual."

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-76)
"Mbr of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. 6', brown hair, post-op TS, college student. Love music, humor, Broadway, poetry, writing & corresponding, talking & being a woman."

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-78)
"SWM, hetero CD. Enjoy the prissy feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, & party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life."

NANCY ANN HOWES
(W NY-P-M2851-K4777-76)
Mbr Rochester CD Network. "MWM with supportive SO. Femme likes: lacy slips, makeup & perfume. Other likes: Hollywood, music & sports. Will try to respond to letters. NO SEX LETTERS. Let's talk girl talk."

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-76)
"MWM, supportive SO. Enjoy family, cooking, crafts, full expression. Love to correspond & exchange ideas & experiences. Have grown considerably thanks to my sisters. Photo exchange encouraged. Let's help each other grow."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-78)
"CD. Can't pass, but to blend in is a realistic goal. 5'13", 180, single, businesswoman. Mbr Tri-Ess, ed. Buffalo Belles, Nu Phi Chi newsletter. Glad to help newcomers in any way. No sex letters. Thank you, Kathy."

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-78)
Mbr Connecticut Outreach Society. MWM, 6'2", 43, hetero CD. "I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive."

BRENDA VEE
(Ll NY-P-M3089-K5695-78)
Mbr: LIFE/B of D. Outreach Dretr, Fantasia Fair '93, '94, '95. SWTG, 45. "Sensitive to the TG community & feel bond to all. Striving for personal best. Supportive SO. Like cooking, dining, fashion & make-up, pen pals & sincere, open-minded people. Love to help "

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-79)
"Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. Would like to hear from people who live on the eastern end of Long Island."

MICHELLE BLOCH
(NY-P-M4921-K10432-76
"Mbr/Board of Directors LIFE. 47, 5'9", 150, recently separated TG. Graphic designer, artist, assistant editor *LIFElines*. Interested in music, photography, tennis, shopping & dining out. Correspondence welcome."

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-77)
"Married. Enjoying the transgendered world together. If you like to let your hair down and have fun, write and join us. Do NYC, Phila. and Poconos starting in Rehoboth Beech area. Need help with my voice. Appreciate any guidance. Hi, Babs! Have a great day!"

KATRINA RYAN
(NY-M3817-K6258-77)
Mbr Rochester CD Network. MWM, 5'10, 240, BA degree. "I enjoy photography, model RR, cooking & corresponding. A wonderful world of people & experience has helped me greatly to discover much about myself & happiness. I hope to continue my personal journey & growth with the help of others, meeting, sharing & having fun."

ERICA H.
(NY-P-M3937-K8489-78)
"Mngng Director, Co-Founder NY GIRL & PARTNERS, Renaissance affiliate. Member AEGIS, IFGE, Renaissance. Published *Erica's Book* and *Video Reviews for CDs*. Numerous public outings NYC and east . . . Theatres, museums, upscale dining. Program coordinator NYG&P-Resource Information Gender Theories . . . Supportive girlfriend. Correspondence

welcomed. Replies guaranteed."

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-79)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu. "Love to dress & have been going out in public the last two years. Would like to correspond & meet with other TVs in area north of NYC. I am a NYC computer & math teacher."

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-76)
"Single, late 40s, 5'7", hetero & TS wannabe. On my good days I am passable & attractive. I am kind of shy & more of the follower type. Would love to have more male, female & companionship. Will welcome all, especially those with photos."

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
"SWF, caring, cute, funny, honest, marriage/friendship-minded, monogamous, moralistic, romantic, smart, spiritual, understanding. Smoke/drink/drug/promiscuity/gambling out. Seek same: hetero SWM, CD, even-tempered, non-abusive, 29-36, 5'-5'11". Love comedy, culture, dining, fifties, fun, music, theater, etc."

DIANNE KARRON-SCHWARTZ
(NY-P-M4720-K10443-78)
"Tall (6'), bright (PhD), medical school/university professor, pretty 38-year-old pre-op TS or possibly TG girl seeks friends to go out on the town,visit when on the road. Regular IRC addict. Transgen C-D Forum. Likes dance, aerobics, makeup, opera."

DANIELLE AZCET
(NY-P-M5012-K5795-77)
"Single, never married, shy, conservative, pre-op TS (don't smoke or drink) desires to met others for fun, friendship, & synergy in our femininity. I care. Be happy, don't worry. If I could, I'd be a mommy. Seriously, I hope the future astounds us all!"

L.K.
(NY-M5036-K4726-76)
"Straight, professional, white gentleman in Rochester, 38, TV/TS-friendly, seeks friends & one special lady for romance. Disappointed with the genetic females I've loved. Seeking very feminine TS who wants to be pampered. I'll be very supportive. Especially like to hear from Biber Babies. Distance no deterrent!"

JANET E.
(NY-P-M5164-K11395-77)
SWM, 47, 5'7", CD living in lower Westchester County. "Looking to meet TVs, would like to meet older gentlemen who know how to treat a lady."

CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-78)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 46, engineer. "Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/relationship."

CINDY P.
(NY-M5198-K11532-77)
Submissive pre-op TS, 42, 6', 160, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Seek dominant TV/TG/TS for friendship, possibly more. Include sexy letter and photo."

CHRISSIE YORK
(NY-P-M5212-K11564-78)
"Mbr CD Network. WM CD, 5'5", 160. Interested in dressing clubs. Red hair, can pass. Looking for an understanding female & other TG. I will write back. Lifetime CD."

GINA DANIELS
(NY-P-M5226-K11619-78)
"Hetero CD 16, NYC metro area wants to go out with other TGs or mature men to movies, a Broadway show or shopping. Have hundreds of potos. Your photo gets mine."

JEAN ALEXANDER
(NY-P-M5235-K11638-78)
SWM, TV, 40s, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. "Hot city girl interested in other ladies, CDs to play. Help me to be a better, more beautiful woman outside and underneath. Good jewelry and great lingerie a must. Love to shop as a girl and dress as a woman. Your pic gets mine."

BOB C.
(NY-M5285-K11734-78)
Member IFGE. "Sincere, caring man seeking friendship and possible relationship with pretty TS or TV in NYC area, but will answer other letters. My interests are computers, reading, writing, oil painting and physical fitness. Please send photo and letter."

TERI SHANNON
(NY-P-M5339-K5768-78)
"Single, sane lovable, young for 40s, pre-op M-F TS with vivid imagination seeks Mr. Right for romantic candle-lit evenings, possibly longer. Well built 30-40s gentleman must appreciate unbridled femininity and support my quest to lose remaining inhibitions. Shapely, 5'10", 165. Not a good correspondent, will travel northern NY. Photo appreciated."

CLEO JONES
(NY-P-M5376-K2860-79)
MWM, hetero, 60+, 5'9". Mbr Buffalo Belles. Rochester CD Network. "Crossdressing since childhood. Wife negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for conversation. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will answer letters."

FRANCINE S.
(NY-M5622-K10729-76)
60, 5'10", 160, single, hetero, very fem. "Need big, strong woman (TG, straight, bi, F-M TS, gay butch) to help me with makeup and feminine behavior. Love dresses, skirts, lacy lingerie, sensuous perfume, nature, quiet times and housekeeping.Educated, artistic and literary. Shapely body, gentle, submissive nature. Please send me a nice letter."

VERONICA ANN L.
(NY-P-M5548-K5974-77)
"Free-spirited, humorous, TG on hormones. Go to functions from Cleveland to P-town. Short silky skirts, leather, black stockings, high heels, projecting avant-garde & occ. trashy look. Want Letters for attending clubs, events, girl talk, fun."

KRISTINE DANIELS
(NY-P-M5572-K11732-77)
TG, 5'11. "Life's complete when I express the feminine part of my soul. From wearing a T-shirt & jeans to a short leather skirt, black hose & high heels. Love a walk in the woods to wine, dance & romance.

JUDY M.
(NY-M5594-K12374-77)
"MWM, CD who has had limited experience. Would like to share fantasy & role playing combined with soft B&D games. It is better to have tried for some safe discreet adventures in life than to have missed them completely."

NICOLE KELLY
(NY-P-M5679-K12553-78)
"Sexy, sophisticated, bi-TV, 4, 5'8", 145, 10. Seek men, women and passable TVs to share dining, dancing and exploring all facets of being a woman. I love high fashion, glamorous makeup and total femininity. Travel nationwide. Will answer all sending photos. Let's meet in '96!"

CHRISTY-LYNN B.
(NY-P-M5738-K12693-77)
MWM, 42, 5'7", 130. "Slim TV who luxuriates in femme side. Interested in meeting sincere TV/CDs who like quiet evenings, good conversation or socializing with other sisters. Love art, music and just having fun in life. Starting electrolysis. Some travel. Send photo with letter."

KERRI G.
(NY-P-M5758-K12726-77)
"Single, presentable female/attractive male from Long Island. 35, 5'10", 150. Sharing, honest and mature, yet slightly loopy. Emotionally, physically and spiritually healthy. Enjoy theatre, acting, film, shopping and conversation. Seek mutual encouragement/friendship with like-minded women, regardless of original/current genitalia. Let's go shopping!"

CHRISTINA I.
(NY-P-M5792-K7717-78)
MWM CD. "Have been dressing since age 10. Love all things ultra-feminine: Cinderella-type prom gowns, bridesmaids, and especially brides in taffeta, satin and brianza with lots of petticoats swinging about. Enjoy cards, *Star Trek,* and golf, also CD stories, videos and pics. Your photo gets mine."

DEBBIE F.
(NY-P-M5798-K6076-78)
Mbr TGIC in Albany. "Interested in friendship or possible relationship. Would like to talk or correspond. I'm 43, big and easy going. Like trains, car racing, and videotaping nature and other interesting events."

WENDI R.
(NY-P-M5816-K0336-78)
44, 5'8", hetero CD 150, 36-29-38. "Closet CD, love to come out, but wife will not understand. Love everything feminine. CD since 12 years old. Love to pass, but I don't think I can. Shy, discreet."

JACKIE M.
(NY-P-M5827-K5454-78)
"Divorced, vivacious, outgoing, fun-loving blonde, 40, tall and classy. Mbr of Rochester CD Network. Would like to hear from others (M/F) in NY area. Have been told I look 28 when dressed. Enjoy going dancing in clubs."

DAPHNE T.
(NY-P-M5830-K10948-78)
"Bi TG, refined, intelligent, unconventional, French speaking, true devotee cult of the feminine. Tai Chi, Yoga, many exotic talents. Love nature, domestic bliss, existential soirees, life as Art. Resourceful, loyal, dedicated tigress. Prospecting for mature M/F/TG companion. Will relocate for right Chi."

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-79)
"Mbr of Transpitt, Cross roads, TCNE. Be All, Spring & Fall P-town Outings. Tall, thin, dressy, good talker. Interested in dressing up & going out, dinner, malls shopping, & making friends."

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-99)
"Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Mbr of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. Interested in Native American traditions & community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theatre & travel."

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-1880-79)
Mbr TransPitt, Erie Sisters. 5'10", 180, red hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CDs to go out with, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-78)
"SWM hetero CD. Enjoy dressing in full petticoats & square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter."

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-79)
MWM, 41, 5'10", 185. "Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, & high heels. Married to accepting & helpful wife. I'm a novice, & have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-83)
5'11", 165, CD with strong TS tendencies. "Now 40-something. I paint, play guitar and am struggling with computers. I enjoy jazz and rock, and occasionally classical music. I am a poor correspondent due to my heavy schedule."

JENNY W.
(PA-P-M2891-K4869-76)
Single CD, 34, 5'6", 140. "Passing & feeling wonderful in Philadelphia. Professional, fun & outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, especially an understanding female for friendship/ relationship. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!"

S. KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-78)
"Founder Cross Dressers International in New York City, Director of Moonlight in Manhattan. Travel extensively & would love to hear from you."

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-78)
"Single, retired, hetero CD. Have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining orgs & attending functions. Would also like to find a GG to enjoy the best of both worlds."

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-76)
"Mbr Renaissance; Attd Paradise in the Poconos; MWM; Hetro; CD with TS feelings. Like music, photography, shopping, aviation & clubbing. SO unaware. Have a relatively normal lifestyle, wonderful, stable family. Love to have fun, but not too extreme. I'll write back ASAP."

D. MCKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-78)
Mbr TransPitt, Tri-Ess. 5'11', 145, 10. "Presentable, single, progressive, hetero 'Dresser,' organizer of Travelers Express, a central PA group of confident out folks in 100% public places. NOT cross or trans. GGs always welcome. Femme photo gets response. Accept and enjoy who you are without shame."

ERICA EDWARDS
(PA-P-M4505-K9143-77)
Mbr Renaissance. CD, 6', 180, 12/14. "Want letters/meeting others who appreciate the finer things in life. Enjoy shopping, dining & good conversation. Still working on Erica, her image now that of a stylish, sophisticated woman. Let's talk."

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-78)
Single TG, 6', 160. "Want to make friends with other TG/GG. Like fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels & all that is feminine."

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-82)
SW M-F hetero CD, 5'10", 260, Mbr TCNE. "Like to help hetero F2M CDs discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. Helps if you like Japanese & Chinese cuisine."

KRISTEN ASHLEY EMBERS
(PA-P-M5145-K11340-78)
SCD, 32. "Out a few times & love it! Interests are shopping, movies, stock market, sports, music. Seek correspondence with understanding female for friendship, possible relationship. Also seek letters from other sisters. Letter with photo gets mine. Complete MBA June. Any job leads?"

BARBARA D.
(PA-P-M5151-K9319-78)
DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. "Love fashion & modeling. Enjoy the challenge & magic when the clothes, accessories, & makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking, & fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females & other TV/TSs."

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-78)
SWM, 46, Bi-TV. "Been cross-dressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write & meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup & being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all."

ROBYN CRAIG
(PA-M5570-K4299-76)
"First ad . . . I'm excited & nervous. Hetero MWCD, 28, 5'9, 155. Seek friends for correspondence. Eclectic, intelligent, humorous, sensitive. I respect all life-styles & limitations. I enjoy *The Simpsons,* collecting music, antiques, fashions from grunge to glamorous. Loving, supportive wife. Good correspondent. Will answer all promptly. Your photo gets mine."

DONNA GRAHAM
(PA-M5727-K12673-77)
Single bi-TV or S. 25, 5'10". 155. "Dressing on and off for 13 years. Always felt feminine, but not yet out. Live in Philadelphia area and love traveling. Major interest is music. Would love to correspond with others. Will answer all letters."

DELAWARE (197- 199)

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-78)
"Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed TCNE's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married to an understanding, beautiful & gracious SO. Self-employed, often dress at home & office, dine out dressed. Electrolysis completed. Sail, pilot, Church Reside in S. Del. All answered."

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-78)
Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. "To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others."

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-78)
Single CD, 5'7", sz 8. Mbr Renaissance. "Comfortable with my male & fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making friends. Like to hear from sisters. Photo appreciated."

LINDA MARIE C.
(DE-P-M5595-K12376-76)
TG, 5'8, 150. "Single girl who loves to dress stylishly. Looking for sincere, understanding friends. Will respond to all."

DAVETTA LEIGH MAGNESS
(DE-P-M5698-K12609-77)
TV/TG, soon to be TS. Engineer, teacher and musician. "Born a true hermaphrodite, altered to male at age 16. Enjoy being female. Enjoy TV and TG company. Like classical music

jazz, big band, art. Enjoy soccer & football, basketball, fishing. Open minded to a point. Like to correspond with other TV./TSs."

ELIZABETH C.
(DE-P-M5733-K12679-77)
MWM, 38, 6', 175. "Interested in corresponding with others. Wife very supportive. Love looking sexy, but also love hunting and fishing. Discretion a must."

WASHINGTON, DC (200- 205)

BONNIE ELAINE LEONARD
(DC-M4440-K8190-76)
"Help! I long to be a girl, but have fear of not passing & uncooperative SO. Want to contact others in my area, & learn of local businesses catering to CDs for clothing & shoes, hair, makeup & makeovers, voice, electrolysis."

MARYLAND (206- 218)

KATHERINE HUNT
(MD-M4905-K10858-76)
"MWM, mature, bi-CD. SO not completely understanding of CD life-style. However, I love every minute of my other life, & am probably one of Victoria's Secret's better customers. Would like to learn from other CDs in MD/DC area, & hopefully develop relationship with another bi-CD. Discretion assured."

MICHELLE HART
(MD-P-M5037-K10071-77)
Bi-TV, 36, 5'11, 170. "Enjoy being completely feminine. Interests are jazz/classical music, fine arts, wines & restaurants. Would like to correspond & meet other TV/TSs. Love sexy lingerie. Will exchange photos & videos. Photo if possible."

VIKKI W.
(MD-P-M5392-K1003-79)
CD, 5'11", 45+. "After a lifetime of suppression, repression, and depression, Vikki is finally emerging from her secret closet. She would love to communicate with anyone interested in sharing similar experiences and feelings."

BARBARA A.
(MD-P-M5801-K12777-78)
"Experienced TV, 5'10", 145, 40s. I'm interested in meeting other very feminine TVs in MD/DC/CA/CO/FLA. Would also like to hear from those with an interest in the TG life-style. SASE and photo please."

VIRGINIA (220- 246)

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-78)
Mbr of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. "Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs."

JAYNE MACK
(VA-P-M1206-K0748-76)
WBiM, 50s, lifelong closet CD. "Late in accepoting so still learning. Want to correspond with & meet women, sisters, & men willing to help me on the road to becoming the woman I long to be. I'm a professional writer into electronic publishing. Love music, esp. jazz & big bands, & sexy lingerie."

DEBBIE O.
(VA-P-M2095-K2493-76)
"Biber Girl, Class of '92. 6'1", brunette, green eyes, fair skin. Bi, interested in computers, sci-fi, music, Things have really opened up for me since surgery, & keep getting better. Love to hear from others."

SHEILA W.
(VA-P-M2276-K2832-77)
"MWM, bi, CD, 6', size 16 (18), green eyes, long legs. Like photography, exchanging photos. Friendly, a bit shy. Try to be a good correspondent. Like meeting others."

KIMBERLY C.
(N VA-P-M2300-K2981-82)
"TG. Have been crossdressing for 40 years. Last attended Southern Comfort 1994. Mbr Virginia's Secret, TGEA. Will exchange experiences of coming out to family & business associates. Will answer all."

DIANE PARIS
(VA-P-M2460-K3426-77)
"MWM TV. Feels best when dining, shopping, at a disco or a piano bar with wife & TV friends or couples. She's found that confidence gains respect & dignity from the public. She & her wife are always ready to help other TVs or couples with the issues around this lifestyle."

HEIDI ANN COBART
(VA-P-M2522-K3686-80)
"New to VA and would love to make lots of new friends. TG, bi-curious, married, 40, very passable, been dressing all my life. Am a very feminine lady who loves to express that part herself whenever possible. Would love to hear from other TV/TSs who are bi-curious. I reply promptly."

SAMANTHA W.
(VA-P-M3052-K5630-78)
"Mbr Virginia's Secret, Tri-Ess. MWM, hetero TV, 70s, retired, 5'9", 165. Interested in amateur radio, sailing, wood carving, classical music, ballet, dressing, shopping. Suppressed TV from boyhood to 1991 when I discovered Virginia's Secret & IFGE. Divorced & remarried wonderful supportive widow. Welcome letters from other TV's."

SHARON LEE
(VA-M3185-K6110-78)
MWM. 54, 6', 185, recently retired, long time CD. "Supportive wife. Just starting to go out, but a way to go to pass. Interested in gardening, computers, horology. Enjoy my feminine side. Will answer all letters."

DIANA AUSTIN
(VA-P-M3283-K6478-78)
"Do you enjoy the finer things in life? Art, sculpture, music, fashion, stimulating conversation, fine wine, and a flair for the unusual are just a few of my interests. I am very warm, sincere, and honest soul waiting to hear from you. Let's explore the possibilities! All CD/TS/GGs welcome."

DON C.
(VA-M4284-K1425-76)
"AM, 5'9", 168, desires to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travels mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet & enjoy life."

DIANE VAN HORNE
(VA-P-M4730-K10459-78)
D, 35, tall, slender, discreet. "Wish to correspond with all who are in need of LSF. I answer every letter, but give priority to those with a photo. Have enjoyed making all my new friends, hope to continue to meet more. You have helped make '94 the best year of my life."

DEBRA DAVIES
(VA-P-M5087-K10926-77)
MWM, 5'11", 205. "Dressing since age 15. Love to get out & about, but opportunities are restricted. Will respond to all (prefer photo)."

BARBARA K.
(VA-P-M5377-K10458-79)
WM bi-CD, retired. "Enjoy fem side, esp. high heels, nylons & sexy lingerie. Likes: fine music, wine & cooking. Love to dress. Want to correspond & meet with TGs. Send photo."

DANIELLE MEADOWS
(VA-PM5455-K10619-79)
"One life is all we have. We each live it as we believe in living it, then, soon, it is gone. Do not surrender who you are and live without your beliefs. Transgendered people are spiritual people. As you pursue physical changes and emotional comforts, pursue spiritual ones too!"

GWENDOLYN D.
(VA-P-M5553-K5080-76)
"MW CD. SO supportive. FI ambitions, but I need someone to take me under their wing & teach me. Pass well & go out often. Size 7. Extensive wardrobe & makeup. Write me!"

MADELEINE BERMAN
(VA-P-M5585-K10270-77)
"Blooming TS, trying to find my niche in the world & interested in hearing from everyone. Well educated, artistic & creative (musically, visually & otherwise). Work as a free-lance fashion designer. Like all arts, music & literature. Accomplished in all the domestic sciences. Your photo gets mine."

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268)

DEE DEE HENSELL
(WV-P-M2329-K3026-77)
Mbr Kappa Beta. "CD looking for GG who wants relationship. Like to keep house & make a home for that special girl. Want to learn to sew, & go to cosmetology school. Working as a domestic. Like to meet & correspond."

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-78)
"Married CD, supportive SO. We enjoy being out and about. Attended Be All & Paradise in the Poconos. Started vacationing en femme & coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer & cartoonist, & write me."

STEVIE LYNN
(WV-P-M5769-K12733-78)
Single CD, TS tendencies, 40s, 5'9", 162. "Pass fairly well. Television engineer, rock singer, song-writer, musician. (Rabid Stevie Nicks fan.) Small home studio. Several gender songs. Trying for mainstream music success as a woman. Need help with feminine singing voice. Speaking voice okay. Know any record producers?"

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-78)
Mbr TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines & dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent."

PATRICIA P.
(NC-P-M3276-K6450-76)
"MWM, 30, semi-vegetarian, non-smoker, professional. Seeking sincere & caring friends. My interests include playing guitar, reading, gender issues, *The X-Files* & leading a more simple lifestyle."

BOBBI F.
(NC-M3645-K7953-78)
"WM, hetero CD with developing case of lapitis (currently 38) 50s. Am a demographer, market researcher with interest in communicating with as many as possible. Enjoy classical organ music, history, railroads. Travel extensively throughout NC."

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-78)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. "Will try to respond to all sisters who have written. Bear with me! Still in closet. Someday soon, hope to open the door! Very active in community & spend much time with SO (doesn't know, but I think suspects). Ex-military (MOS 7562). Interests: gardening, fishing, aviation, hunting."

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-76)
"This Carolina girl Adores everything about being a lady. Enjoy sending letters & photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, & proud to be a part of it. Being Pamela is not something I do, it is a part of who I am. Write soon!"

LISA R.
(NC-M4936-K10950-79)
"TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives."

DANA D.
(NC-M5371-K11632-78)
"Very active member of Tri-Ess. Member of Tau Chi and Kappa Beta, IFGE and AEGIS. Very active writer."

CAROLYN C.
(NC-M5504-K12139-76)
45, 5'10", 180, hetero DWM. "Still full time male preparing to go full time female. Deep desire for SRS by 2000. Would like to meet similar in Raleigh area."

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299)

LEE CASHIN
(SC-P-M4926-K4696-76)
Bi-CD. "Androgynous because no CDs in area. Want to meet CDs in Hilton Head, Savannah, GA area. All woman underneath. Would love to meet passable CDs so we could date as couple. Have large collection of lingerie."

SUSAN TRISLER
(SC-P-M5668-K8125-77)
"MWM-F CD, 5'5, 130, blonde, hazel, passable? Love slinky outfits & lingerie. SO understands femme side. Wish to meet/correspond with CDs and/or wives in the TG community & local area. Desire to dress with other CDs, join support group & get out to meetings. Love femininity."

GEORGIA (300- 319)

MICHELLE WEST
(GA-M1486-K0842-79)
"Yankee transplant has flourished in the Sunny South. Nourish my soul with books & music, my body with exercise, both with Tai Chi, & my bank account in the computer world. Lifelong CD, coming farther out by leaps & creeps Will answer all. (No come-ons.)"

LAURA A. SIMS
(GA-P-M3956-K6882-78)
MWM hetero, 5'9", 168, 40-34-38, blue eyes, blonde hair. "Love everything fem, mostly home dresser, however, have enjoyed Southern Comfort & a few Atlanta Sigma Epsilon meetings. Love girl talk, sharing experiences. Your photo gets mine. Answer all PROMISE."

LEE D.
(GA-M4931-K10078-79)
"Post-operation FtM seeking others to share comments, advice, etc. Also seeking medical doctor in the southeast that can do the complete process. Thanks!"

STEPHANIE G.
(GA-P-M5122-K9875-77)
41, slender, attractive bi-CD, open minded, open heart, massage therapist. "Supportive wife. Very sensual and giving. Enjoy photos, correspondence and fantasies. Interested in meeting others TV/TS/CD, androgynous men. Send photo with letter. Becoming more femme every day. Deeply spiritual (spiritual hedonist.)"

GINGER SCHOENHERR
(GA-M5337-K2131-78)
"SWM CD, very feminine, spend about 75% of time as a woman. Love old movies, good conversation & being a woman. Seek female or other CD to explore the feminine world."

FLORIDA (320- 340)

PETRA DAWN
(FL-P-M1314-K0817-77)
Member Tau Lambda, IFGE, AEGIS. "Married, 6'2", 190, just turned 40, but feel like life is just beginning. Working hard to understand where I am going on this glorious gender journey. Interested in hearing from others in the north FL/south GA area."

VANESSA B.
(C FL-P-M1396-K0931-77)
Mbr Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles. 5'5", 150. "Want to meet sisters & go to outings/clubs. I accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable and go to straight places."

PHYLLIS C.
(FL-M1473-K929-76)
"Novice short CD. Would like to meet others in the north Tampa Bay area. Like high heels. Non-smoker, non-drinker."

HALEY T.
(FL-P-M2332-K3034-76)
"Want to hear from other TGs in Florida & Georgia."

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-78)
39-year-old CD. "Married. Intolorant wife, 5'10", 160. Attended '93, '94 Be All, '94 Southern Comfort. Eclectic tastes, particularly fond of shopping. Active Tri-Ess BBS. Discovered my femme side only two years ago. It has brought to me my life's highest highs & lowest lows."

PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-78)
"DWM, Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past the front door. Passable maybe. second opinion welcome, support. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as much as possible. Photo appreciated. Answer all."

DAWN ELDRIDGE
(FL-M5353-K2034-78)
TS, 49 years old. "In need of correspondence with others. Would like to exchange thoughts about life. Interests vary from music to stock market. Will answer all letters."

JAMIE L.
(FL-P-M5405-K2096-79)
"MW TV, bi-curious, mid-40s, 5'6", 150. Extremely supportive and active spouse. Love silks, satins, lace, nylons, high heels, short skirts and sensuous lingerie. Wish to meet or correspond with same, exchange letters and photos, plus meet to enjoy shared interests, sincere conversation and experiences. Just relocated."

NANCY MCDERMOTT
(FL-P-M5456-K10695-79)
"MWM, hetero TV, wife knows. Want to write/visit like-minded TGs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks. Will answer all & would like to be a woman with you & will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke."

MICHELLE PHILLIPS
(FL-P-M5470-K1169-79)
"Lifelong CD with TS tendencies. Finally out and loving life. Want to make new friends in the gender community. Enjoy corresponding with others. Love all things feminine, shopping, dining out and night life. 5'9", 145. Planning to start hormones soon. Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '95."

MARY HELEN B..
(FL-M5563-K8026-76)
"Divorced widower. CD for many years & enjoy it. Want to meet others who like the same, especially those with supportive SOs. Can travel on weekends. Want to write to others. Likes: music (classical), history, modern languages, politics."

SAMANTHA B.
(FL-P-M5606-K3630-76)
Pre-op M2F, 5'9, 137, auburn, green/brown eyes. "Went full time Feb. '95. If you have a sense of humor & can help me take life less seriously, you may be right for me. Please, no men interested in my toy. I'm uncomfortable with that."

MICHELLE KAUFMAN
(FL-P-M5723-K12668-77)
"I am not a joiner and prefer a few close friends. I drink, smoke and like to have a good time. I'm attractive and pass well. I'm somewhat of an artist and value literacy, intelligence and a progressive attitude. I'm not religious. I'm comfortable with crossdressing, as is my wife, and have been out of the closet for more than seven years. I'd like to hear from other TV/TSs with a similar outlook."

MICHELLE SHARP
(FL-P-M5756-K12724-77)
"SWM bi, 50. CD since childhood. Honest, discreet, playful adventuress. Adore femininity. Interested in music SCUBA, plants, friends, conversation and laughter. Wish to meet, converse and/or correspond with TV/TS, men or women with inquisitive minds and playful spirits."

ALABAMA (350- 369)

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-76)
Member of Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. "Attended Southern Comfort '91, 2, 3. DWM, 61, 5'10", 174, TG-

TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservations. Semiretired. Can travel at will."

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-P-M4764-K10766-78)
"DWM early 50s (feel much younger!), 5'8", 38, teacher, author. Coastal Alabama. "I love partying, all kinds of dancing (especially being led), reading, movies, traveling, dressing nicely, meeting new people, having new adventures, receiving and answering letters. I love being a woman. Want to share? I answer all letters."

JOHN OLIVER
(AL-M5569-K12097-76)
"6'1 attractive executive. Received my MBA. Seeking attractive TS for friendship that may develop into a relationship. Will answer all with letter, photo."

TENNESSEE (370- 384)

TERRI CANNON
(TN-M1293-K1505-78)
"MWM, 5'11", 40+ (and holding), ex-Californian relocated near Knoxville with disapproving spouse and purged wardrobe. Rebuilding Terri gradually, but hoping for contacts/correspondence. Would delight in a new girlfriend/soulmate. In addition to smooth legs and heels, also enjoy golf, fishing, films. E-mail: TCCLONE@AOL.COM"

JAMIE CORNETT
(TN-P-M2335-K3037-76)
Sbi-CD, 5'11", 145. "Love being a redhead & en femme. Understanding & open minded. Will answer all. Request photo."

LIZ FONTAINE
(TN-M2471-K3494-78)
"Loving, lifelong crossgendered TV, MWM, seek pen pals for sharing thoughts and feelings, childhood experiences and photos. Passable, trim, 5'8", 10-12, 40s, brunette (own hair). Especially fond of hairstyling, lingerie and sleep wear, makeup, girl talk, and all things feminine. Answer all, request photo."

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-78)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair often, hetero CD. "Single & in closet. Want to meet an understanding GG for possible relationship. Also like to meet other CDs for help promoting feminine self."

LISA T.
(TN-P-M4986-K5005-76)
6'0", 155, blonde, blue eyed TS seeks other TGs to correspond & trade photos. "Love showing off my long sexy legs. Your photo & SASE gets mine. Will answer all with SASE. Possibility of meeting the right 'girl.'"

TRACY SCINTILLA
(TN-P-M5160-K11336-78)
"TS, sweet, loving & sensuous. 5'11", 160, 10T. Would love to start hormones immediately & continue through SRS, but too afraid without loving, faithful male support. Seek SHE-MALE or tall CD/man for relationship, TS/women for friendship/lady talk. Love being a woman. Hope you all like me!"

ANYA SILVER
(TN-M5691-K12543-77)
MWM TG, 6' hetero, Christian, monogamous, born 1966. Member IFGE, MTGA. "Lifelong TG. Wife supportive. Out of closet. Into '70s mod and disco looks. Enjoy shopping, writing, computers, easy music, outreach, helping others come out. Eventual goal to live as a woman full time. Don't be afraid. Write now. Prompt response assured."

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-79)
Mbr of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, hetero, 40. "Like being a woman & meeting women & CDs in MS. Love going to restaurants, movies, & shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?"

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-78)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. "Like to meet other TGs, MS Gulf Coast & New Orleans or Mobile. Love to dress as a female. SO not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be."

KENTUCKY (403- 427)

JUKUE R.
(KY-M1992-K2494-76)
"Love to hear from all."

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Mbr Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, & understand self & others well. Wife & children know, understand & love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

MARY ANNE WILLIAMS
(KY-P-M5525-K12197-84)
"Late 40s. Only recently began giving in to my female feelings. Oh, such sweet surrender! Wonderful, supportive wife. Desperately want to pass. Much to learn. Would like to get to know other KY girls. Interests: acting, transcendental meditation, rock 'n' roll."

CINDY LEE
(KY-P-M5674-K12524-77)
MWM, TV, 6', blonde, blue eyes. "Enjoy spending time being dressed as femininely as possible. Have accepted my feminine feelings and being the person I desire to be. Would enjoy corresponding with other CD/TV/TS. Wish to pass and socialize. Will respond to all good letters with photo."

OHIO (434- 457)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-79)
"Retired, living in small town. Interested in senior citizens pre-op or post-op.Willing to help novice. On hormones and coming out of the closet."

JOANNE HOFFER
(OH-M3955-K8523-77)
M-F TS, 36. "Interested in computers, sailing. Seeking professional consultation & support. would like to talk with other new M-F TSs with same interest."

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(SOH-P-M0954-K1005-81)
Mbr Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, & Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. "Married 20 years to an A wife. An original organizer of Paradise. I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, girl talk, & picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40s."

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-76)
"Divorced, hetero CD, 6', 185. Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Enjoy fishing, camping, & old movies. Dress anytime I can, absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area & feel alone & frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet."

KATHY GREY
(OH-P-M5044-K6767-80)
New mbr Crossport. MWM,CD/TV, 49, 6', 170, 14/16 (38-30-38) black hair, brown eyes. "Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share & learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo."

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-78)
"Live in NW Ohio. Member of Glass City Sisters (Toledo), Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess. Married CD to supportive wife. 57, 5'7", 176. Attended Riverside '94/5. Pass easily. Go en femme. Doing the things other women do. Will answer all. Honest and sincere. Offer support and fellowship."

LISA HART
(OH-P-M2591-K3760-77)
MWM Bi-TG, 5'10", 145. "Into country living, beagle hounds, being Lisa & everything feminine. Very understanding SO. Love going out shopping & to the clubs, & quiet times at home. Seeking CD girlfriends & men in my area for girl talk, trips out, or whatever. Love to have fun. NW OH."

ROXANNE L.
(OH-M3755-K7391-77)
"No fixed gender. Priestess of Athena & Maat, Wiccan, interested in poetry, goddesses, pataphysics, surrealism, Co-counseling/empathetic listening & third camp feminism."

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-78)
Mbr Crossport. Be All '91-'95, Miss Be All '95. CD, tall & slender. "Wish to be Kristine whenever possible. Elegant feminine presentation except for height. Love being well dressed & out for the evening. Especially enjoy sense of humor about Community. Would like to correspond with anyone."

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-78)
"Mbr paradise Club. attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. single CD 39, 5'7", 132. Very passable & love fooling general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs & GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship."

STEPHANIE SHANE GEE
(OH-M5336-K6453-78)
"Transsexual female, 38-29-36. Began my journey at seventeen. Seeking girlfriends in the southern & mid sections of Ohio. I am a sincere friend. Sweet, secure guys may also write. God bless & peace."

LORIE E.
(OH-P-M5611-K9447-76)
MWM. CD. "Would like to meet all those interested in the art of being a woman. Live in Columbus Ohio but travel the whole US. Mbr CGS, crossport. I will answer all. Hope to here from all you girls. Thanks."

ALECIA M.
(OH-P-M5626-K12399-76)
MWM. "Married to a geat wife who is unserstanding. Dress anytime I can. Still in closet, but looking forward to getting out & attending a weekend event. Interested in all things fiminine. Need work on the voice, poise, makeup. Must be discreet."

JILL AMBROSE
(OH-P-M5627-K7653-77)
Mbr. Crossport. "Hetero, married CD. Dressed for years before comming out at the '95 Be All. Love dressing as a woman & being feminine & try to get out nce a week. would love to meet other TGs. Contribute to club newsletter. Interested in computers. (prodigy NKFN54F), photography and railroads."

GLORIA H.
(OH-M5666-K11045-77)
"Hetero TV, mid-50s. Love heels & hose, lingerie & pretty dresses. Wife knows but is not accepting. Love classical music, gardening. Want to go out some day. Would like to meet other central Ohio sisters for friendship & support."

LAURA JANE WALKER
(OH-M5777-K5134-78)
CD/TG, 5'15'', 39ish, Body shaved, herbal estrogen since 4/95, getting softer, bumps, 43-35-45, 16-T. Started electrolysis, voice training. Secretary/housewife-type days; sexy! To clubs, dancing, fun. Loves industrial design career, bicycling, sewing, becoming more feminine daily. Seek tall, mature, confident friends for correspondence, shopping, nightlife, being completely woman.

INDIANA (463-479)

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-M1009-K1818-99)
"IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Finance Committee. Lifetime Mbr IXE. IFGE Trinity Award '91. Friendly, sincere individual who enjoys people involved in gender issues."

CHERYL T.
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)
DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. "Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now inthe TG Community for correspondence & conversation. You write & I will answer."

DEBORAH ANNE K.
(IN-P-M2001-K2422-77)
Mbr Tri-ess. Attended Be All '90-'94. MWM, 54, 5'9", 150. "Interested in gardening, shopping, housework, bowling, fishing, NASCAR, target shooting. Enjoy dressing in cotton to silk & do so when wife is away. She knows. Learning to apply makeup. Would like to help in person or correspondence."

EDIE S.
(IN-M3329-K6627-82)
"Mbr IXE, WM CD, gemini. Just coming out, easy going, very sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues. Power walker. Body fitness & excersise are my lifestyle. Many hobbies, gourmet cooking, bird watcher, beer maker. Love all kinds of music. Write me soon."

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-76)
"MWM, non-supportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Mbr Tri-Ess, IXE & CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling & tennis. Loving, enthusiastic & committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible."

JILLIAN JACOBS
(IN-NP-M4916-10870-76)
"DWM, 43, 5'8", 160, college grad, professional. Introduced to crossdressing at the age of 3 by Mommy Dearest & her two sisters. I'm happy with it & enjoying it more every day. Would love to establish a circle of friends and correspondents. Your letter & picture will certainly get mine."

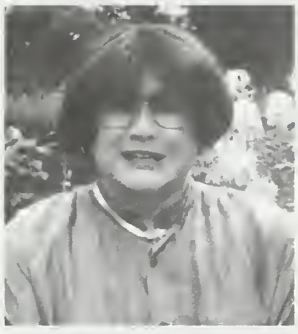
LAURA A. SIMS
(IN-P-M3956-K6882-78)
Mbr. Chi Chapter, Tri-Ess, IXE. New CD, MWM, 54, 5'9", 170. "Attended Southern Comfort '93 & learned much about myself. wife supportive, but not invloved. Will answer all letters & share photographs."

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-78)
"Early thirties, shapely, passable & sincere CD. Dressing since age 16, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup & fun loking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. dressing allows me to better express the feminity within me. Its just plain fun. Drop me a line."

MICHIGAN (480-499)

DIANE C.
(MI-M4094-K8811-79)
SWM, born 1947, hetero CD,

5'9", 160, 14, blue eyes. "I am interested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping & enjoy wearing women's clothes. I am slowly slipping out of the closet & undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond & meet other CDs & females who understand CDs."



MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-75)
Transgender supporter of Be All, 12 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby, college lecturer, Crossroads past officer.

JENNIFER ANN NELSEN
(SE MI-P-M1165-K1050-77)
"Mbr Crssroads. 5'11", 160, brown hair, blue eyes. Cherish time as Jennifer. Just getting to know myself, understanding my feelings as a woman. Love short skirts, silk dresses & heels. Love to meet sisters & be escorted on my travels. Will respond to your letters as best I can."

JUNE ASHBY
(MI-M3079-K5674-78)
"Mature crossdresser desires correspondence & meetings with other crossdressers or those who would like to try it. Advice to beginners & those who want to come out of the closet. Why stay there? Not a good place."

MARCIA K.
(S MI-P-M2719-K4382-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel & having a good time. Love pierced earrings, shoes & good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area to meet & go out."

ROBERTA LEIGH
(MI-M4408-K2684-76)
Mbr. Crossroads, Tri-Ess, IME, MWM, hetero, CD, 5'6", blonde, hazel, 18 & losing. "Intrested in CD, outdoor sports, travel, shopping. Visit all 48 states & canada. Just coming out. Wish to hear from sisters. Married to a 10+. Love the female persona. Not looking for anything sexual. Discretion expected. Love to all."

MICHELLE WILSON
(MI-M5098-K11064-76)
MWM, 5'11", CD. 16/18 with very strong TS tendencies. "Seek other TSs for correspondence, friendship & help in making the transition. Looking to relocate in two years. Strong in quality control, electronics, computers. Like backpacking, old airplanes & being a woman. Will correspond to all."

THERESA O.
(MI-M5636-K12422-76)
6', 190, TV. "Interested in computers, shortwave radio, classic rock music. I'm interested in meeting GGs, post-op TSs & passable TVs who can help me with shopping, makeup etc. I'm semi out of the closet, but try to get out once in a while. Wife doesn't understand. Please send picture if possible."

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-78)
Mbr Crossroads. 40s, 5'6", 140. "Very feminine, passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would like very much to correspond with sisters & gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!!"

IOWA (500-528)

JANET BLAKE
(IA-M2091-K2482-76)
WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. "Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal & wood working. Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-NP-M5117-K11112-81)
MWM, 5'6", 150. Novice CD maybe Bi. "Blessed with natural girlish figure. Finally exploring my femme self. Eager to share all aspects of feminine mystique & transformation. Have ventured out dressed. Looking for girlfriend to share ideas, experiences, fantasies, photos, etc."

WISCONSIN (530-548)

JANET LYNN
(WI-P-M2141-K2536-77)
MWM. "Have understanding SO who says I look pretty good. Interested in all who need help telling their SO about their crossdressing. Into travel, photography & country music. Write if you need suggestions on how to tell SO."

KIM GREEN
(WI-M3113-K5687-77)
"Active WMCD. Mbr IFGE, Tri Ess Chi Chapter, Gemini Gender Group. Fall Harvest, JoAnne Roberts weekend in the Poconos, Holiday En Femme. SO supportive & both want to meet & correspond with others in the culture. Like to learn to play bridge."

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-78)
"There's nothing more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this, constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond & be friends too."

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-78)
MWM,5'10", 175, ex-military, college grad, professional, religious background. "Interested in music, aviation, religion & family. CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests."

CATHY BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-77)
STG, 5'9", 155, nonsmoker. "Been crossdressing since age 4. Recently made some sucessful outings. Like to hear from any other CD/TS, anyone interested in helping our community & ourselves. We must all work together for the acceptance we deserve."

LAURA B.
(WI-NP-M4513-K5814-81)
5'6", 170, blue eyes. Mbr Tri-ess Chi Chapter & Gemini Gender Group. "Just started to go out dressed in public. What a great feeling! Pass with no problem. Looking for friends for outings to help improve my femme self. Tired of hiding."

GINA J.
(WI-P-M4632-K10214-78)
Tall, single & dedicated TG. "Cherish the friends. Enjoy building, volunteer work, witty conversations & shopping for clothes. Would love to hear from other TGs & GGs who delight in warm HEARTS & THE FEMME MYSTIQYE."

STEPHANIE S.
(WI-M4757-K10727-78)
DWM, 5'10", 150. "Finally coming out. Tired of suppressing Steffi. Need to experience life & express myself as a female. Two lovely daughters. Wonderful girlfriend accepting & interested in participating. Intelligent sensitive, N/S, humorist, sports enthusiast. Willing to meet, correspond. Frequently travel to Chicago."

SANDY P.
(WI-M5003-K8284-76)
"CD just coming out of the closet. Looking for advice, help, acceptance. Lifelong CD, SO negative. Would like friendship from experienced CDs, advice on makeup, clothes etc."

RANDY D
(WI-M5124-K11175-77)
"DWM, 5'7", 120. Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodwrking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TG feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more & help coming out from GG or TG. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated."

BOBBIE H.
(WI-P-M5539-K12153-76)
Divorced non-op TS, 5'9", mbr Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, IFGE. "Longtime TG, gender blender. Live as both, work as M. Frequent international travel for work with operating systems. Share both of me with friends & neighbors. Quiet hobbies. Live with cat. Happy to share stories."

MINNESOTA (550-567)

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-76)
Married CD. "Love my femininity & all it represents. Have written 2 books on CDs. Give educational presentations to college & professional groups. Interests include theology, psych, music, correspondence with couples dealing with CDing, sports, pop-culture & opps for feminine expression."

KARIN A.
(MN-P-M2248-K2740-77)
Married CD, supportive wife, momogamous, 5 children, Christian, professional musician, member CLCC. "Like to meet TGs with healthy outlook in MN or Western WI. Couples encouraged to write for support. Especially seek musician for possible music projects."

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-79)
Director, Gender Education Center; VP, CLCC; Exec. Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14. "Love being feminine & have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and traing programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing and SHOPPING."

MICHELLE P.
(MN-P-M3425-K7036-77)
MWM, 42, tall and slender with long legs. "Love wearing lingerie, stockings, heels and short dresses. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange and meeting new friends."

TRACY RAYMOND
(MN-M5684-K12568-77)
"Bi TV, 30s, 5'2", 135, single, CD since childhood. I seek TV/CDs for fun, friendship and maybe more. I love my femme self and desire to meet someone to share these feelings. Wide variety of interests. Prefer someone with similar stature. Still in closet, but door is open. Your picture gets mine."

SOUTH DAKOTA (570-577)

NORTH DAKOTA (580-588)

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8934-79)
"Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde country girl. Educated retired professional who enjoys gardening, cooking, & computers. On hormones, but still spend some time as a male. Still deciding on a future path. Being somewhat geographically isolated, I would welcome any correspondence on CD/TG issues."

MONTANA (590-599)

JERI LYNN
(MT-M3808-K2030-76)
MWM, 56, 6'2". "Have been dressing since childhood. I would love to share being feminine with any of my loving sisters, especially any in Montana area. Hope to reach out & be there for any sister or SO who feels in their heart they are feminine because of state's small population."

ILLINOIS (600-629)

TERESA BEATRICE K.
(IL-M1969-K2257-76)
6'5", SWM-CD, 300 lbs, programmer, chess, AD&D. "Still in the closet & relatively content to remain. Still in net lurker mode—learning by watching."

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-80)
"Officer: CIGA (Central Illinois). CD, Mbr: CGS (Chicago), IXE (Indianapolis). Married (with children), 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, spective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, nonsmoker, sensitive, heterosexual, infrequent correspondent (family first... Michele last). Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism."

JULIE M.
(IL-M2936-K5012-76)
MWM, mid-30s, CD with TS feelings. "Don't dress often, wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style & confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other TG/ladies who understand."

PRISCILLA B.
(IL-P-M3085-K5273-77)
"CD, married to an understanding, beautiful lady. Enjoy all things feminine, especially very elegant gowns & party dresses. Satin & lace are so divine. Wish to correspond/meet other sisters & couples who are comfortable with this life-style. Can entertain & meet in the Midwest. Will answer all. Photo appreciated."

HEDY H.
(IL-P-M3569-K7483-79)
"Stylish, mature TV wants well-groomed, nonsmoking beau or lipstick bi-lady for special friendship. I live alone, pass beautifully (see previous ads) wherever I please—club, museum, tea room, mall—and will meet Saint Louis business traveler. Scintillating letter/photo gets quick answer. I promise! Ciao!"

BARBARA ANN ROBERTS
(IL-P-M3816-K6257-77)
Member Chi Chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, 5'10", 19, 50, educated professional TV. "Love to dress up, go out, outdoors, fishing, hunting, Chicago suburbs. Dressing all my life, now want to come out. Have joined support group. Like to correspond, swap photos, meet others for friendship, sharing, learning."

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-77)
MWM, 5'9, 185. "Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but is not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It helps me relax."

AMANDA LYNN R.
(IL-M4574-K9942-77)
"As her name states, Amanda is a musician by love, MIS by occupation. Composed & recorded album of crossdressing tunes in '95. Active in welcoming new sisters into Chi Chapter of Tri-Ess. Love mail. Married, kids. Would like to hear from all, especially musicians."

PAMELA ELAINE TRACY
(IL-P-M4904-K10896-79)
"5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs & women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Please write & include your photo."

JLINDA ALEXANDER
(IL-M5051-K10983-76)
"I am interested in meeting crossdressers in the Northern Illinois area. In my early 40s & have been dressing since I was 10. Would love to expand my interests with others. Just starting to go out in public, so would love to hear from more experienced sisters. Will reply to all letters."

JYL W.
(IL-M5114-K10788-81)
"WM TV, 33, 135, 5'8", still not out. Love lingerie, hose, short skirts, high heels & feeling feminine. Looking for someone to help me become more passable & bring me out in public."

ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL
(IL-M5185-K11230-77)
Mbr of IFGE & Chicago Gender Society. "Like lingerie. Want to be passable. On hormones M2F. Like dressing as a woman & being feminine. Want correspondence from all. Hobbies incl. photography & travel. Single & want to be TS real bad!!"

WENDY B.
(IL-M5225-K11614-78)
DWM 44, 5'11". "Father of four who do not know about this part of me Have been crossdressing occasionally since childhood. Now dress frequently when alone. Almost passable. Would love to go out en femme, but don't have the nerve. Love movies, fishing, theatre music, camping, partying, you name it."

P.S.
(IL-M5253-K1046-76)
"I am looking for that WWF 30-65 who wants to have a wonderful relationship or possibly marriage with 54-year-old who enjoys CD, classical cars, golf. I am 6'5" tall, blonde hair, blue-green eyes, 200#. Love formal gowns, high heels, hose, wigs. Will answer all ads, exchange photos."

MICHELLE G.
(IL-P-M5286-K11741-78)
DWM, 5'10", 180, 16, blonde hair, blue eyes. "Love everything feminine. Not passable yet, working on it. Love to escort as a male. Seeking correspondence and/or meetings with couples, men, women. Live in small town, but can travel. Answer all. Pref photo."

ELLIE ALTMAN
(IL-M5428-K6992-79)
"I am the mother of a 30-year-old female-male TS and have started a support group for friends and family in the Chicago area. Please write to find out more about the group."

DONNA FRANCINE G.
(IL-M5516-K12180-76)
Mature WM novice, 5'11", 150. "Seek experienced CD to help dispel irrational fears & anxieties which prevent me from enjoying my long-repressed femininity. Need strong individual to orchestrate the liberation of a drab, imprisoned worm into a beautiful, free butterfly. Please write."

KRISTI A. JEANETTE
(IL-P-M5593-K12352-76
"Statuesque, sensuous, loving TG desires remarkably special feminine friends. Share ideas, fantasies & intimate times. Clean, happy & secure. I love my feminine life-style. I have a wardrobe any woman would be proud of. Great legs. I want to be your TV girlfriend. Photo & SASE a must. Ciao!"

ROBYN G.
(IL-P-M5682-K12560-77)
"Older, affectionate, tall, slender novice TV. Am beginning to accept and increasingly embrace my true feminine being. Would love to share correspondence with and the company of sister TVs and understanding traditional females."

CASSANDRA RENEE SNIDER
(IL-P-M5703-K122622-77)
DWM, 40, 5'5" TG/TS, auburn hair. "Enjoy romantic novels, shopping, race cars, Teddy bears and femininity. Seek correspondence from all sisters. I will answer one and all. Your photo gets mine. Enjoy life."

VALERIE K.
(IL-M5815-K10057-78)
"M-F TV with TS feelings. Off and on with hormones. Born in 1970. Would like to hear from understanding genetic female, M-F TS/TV. My reply might be slow. Please forgive."

MISSOURI (630- 658)

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-77)
DBM, CD, 47, 5'11", 175. "Music, photography, movies, new friends, girl talk and sports interest me. Looking to correspond with and meet other TV/CD/TSs and understanding ladies. I enjoy going out as Angela. Sisters of color, where are you? Please write."

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-78)
"DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, & with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs & women interested in CDs for friendship."

VICKI SHERIDAN
(MO-P-M4208-K9491-76)
Mbr CAF. 5'7", 170, 48, married. Attended Fall Harvest, Texas T Party. "Go shopping & out to dinner on weekends with a friend. Just enjoy being a girl."

MICKI DANIELS-GREENWELL
(MO-P-M4610-K7131-78)
"Hello. I'm Micki. Transitioned April '93. I'd like to see more support for TSs in the TG world. Working toward that end. If you are TS & want to get involved, or if you are just looking for a friend we need each other."

CLARISSA RENEE VANDYKE
(MO-P-M4726-K10452-76)
M-F pre-op TS, brown hair, blue eyes, 5'9" 45. "Eager to meet TSs for friendship & support. Enjoy cooking, shopping, going to movies & all things feminine. Photo & phone get mine. Will answer all. Please write."

EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS P-M0400-K1329-76)
"Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others & sharing resource information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path."

TRISH ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-78)
Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 32. "Interested in sharing experiences, strengths and hopes. I am also a recovering alcoholic and addict. Five years. Has anyone else found recovery? Photo and phone gets same, but not required.

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-78)
SW pre-op TS, 5'7", 150, 50. Member WTA. "Have started transition and love it. Seeking friends and looking for SO to share my life with. I'm caring loving and accepting. Love good music and crosswords. Varied other interests. Please write. Will answer all."

KANSAS (660- 679)

VERONICA MOELLER
(KS-P-M4893-K8412-79)
SWM TG, 5'7", 39, 145. Professional. "Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, coffee shops and outdoors. Passable. I am moving towards TS and full time living. Seek friends to lend advice and experiences."

STALENA PAGE
(KS-P-M5342-K5379-78)
"SW Pre-Op M2F, Dress well, 5'9", 170. Seek friends & someone to share my life with: gentlemen, TS, CD. I'm understanding, compassionate & kind. A great person to know. Like all kinds of music & do many things. Please write, I'm lonely."

NEBRASKA (680- 693)

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-78)
"Am fully out in my home town. Live about 25% as Deb. My loving wife, family and friends are educating alliance to what gender issues are all about. If you would like help in coming out, please write. We will gladly help."

MELISSA H.
(NE-P-M2742-K4493-76)
DWM, 6'2", CD. "Enjoy country life, golf, fishing, movies, restauranting & any new adventure. Went sky diving recently & bought my first computer. Would like to make friends with women, TSs, men & CDs. Life keeps moving on. I'm just not sure where it's taking me."

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-78)
"Mbr of Emerald City. 6'1", recently married, almost passable, non-smoker. Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, esp. the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated, friendly, pilot, physically active, computer-literate. Like to correspond & meet couples, CDs for discussion, activities."

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-82)
"I enjoy all that is feminine & wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, & discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs & genetic females for friendship."

DEE ANN W.
(NE-M4647-K9711-78)
Mbr RCGA. MWM. "Lifelong closeted TV. Wife is accepting, but a lot of issues remain. Searching for integration of male & female sides. Enjoy corresponding with TV/TSs. We can learn from each other."

ANITA ANN WHITE
(NE-P-M5782-K12708-78)
34, TS, 6', 160. "Have built many a wall due to shame and guilt to prevent me from having a congruent identity. Am now exploring the options."

LOUISIANA (700- 714)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-76)
Mbr Gulf Gender Alliance. "I am married to a very under-

standing, supportive wife, & am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, & would welcome corresponding with them."

GINGER B.
(LA-M4366-K10089-76)
"Financially independent, single, 6'1", 215, very infrequent CD needs a full-time French maid capable of caring for & sharing the good life on 15 acres with a home. You can live full time as a woman. Tell me about your dreams & needs. Let us trade letters & photos."

MARIAN B.
(LA-M5298-K3493-78)
5'7", 150, early 30s, pre-op TS. "I like movies, reading, writing & American history. I would like to talk to other TSs. I have taken many steps forward & several back, but I am on the road to being the woman I am."

LYNZI ALEMAN
(LA-P-M5541-K12260-76)
"37-year-old schizophrenic CD. Shy & retiring when appropriate (visiting Mom), however, not often. Definite TS tendencies, however, too financially rewarding an occupation to change. Dressing since early childhood. Discovered by family at age 13. Would love to hear your story."

AMAZING GRACE
(LA-P-M5617-K6321-77)
"SWM CD, 35, never married. Would love to meet woman who would help with my feminine side. Straight male, but would also correspond with other TGs for friendship. I take crossdressing to the limit. Looking for help & advice. Also enjoy art, photography, sports, poetry."

ARKANSAS (716 - 729)

JANA H.
(AR-P-M2042-K2442-76)
"Let's talk! Into dressing 13 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" inch heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possibly meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!"

LARRY D.
(AR-M5247-K10478-78)
MWM. "Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know & associate with those who do. I respect who you are, & would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas & nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?"

LAURIE STARK
(AR-M5410-K11897-80)
"5'8", 190, 39, single, TV/TS feelings. Like movies, Sci-Fi, romance, mountains, camping, SCUBA, dressing, classical gourmet cooking, fine wine, helping gender community, peace & quiet, air brush. Hope to start transition soon: electrolysis, hormones. Would like to develop friendships with women, couples, TV/TSs, & build lasting friendships."

STACI B.
(AR-P-M5550-K12188-77)
"WM CD wishes to hear from TV/TS/CDs. Wife doesn't know, nor would she approve. My interests include sexy satin lingerie, photo exchange and possible meetings. I would love hearing from anyone with similar interests and will answer all. My greatest joy is being female and I want to share that with someone."

OKLAHOMA (730 - 749)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-78)
"Mbr Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, retired. Wife accepts but non-supportive. So-so passer, but going out since '91. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing & transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. Like to meet & correspond with like-minded people."

ARLENE L.
(OK-M4664-K10321-78)
Pre-op TS, 5'10", 180lbs. "Family nonsupportive. Passable, architect, boss knows, coworkers do not. Crossdressing since childhood. Divorced, two loving children. On hormones. Away from work I live as Arlene. Seek TSs for friendship. Quiet, sincere, passive, loving."

TEXAS (750- 799)

LAURA TAYLOR (TX-P-M1254-K1408-77) "CD, about 5'9 170 lb. Just love my time dressed & made up as a woman. Love to meet & write to other CDs. Off lots of weekdays for dress up sessions, shopping, lunch, etc."

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-79)
"Hetero, male CD, 44. Living

with supportive life-mate. Active in Austin Second Image, Mbr of ETVC. Previous Mbr of Boulton & Park, Heart of Texas TV."

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-99)
"Mbr of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. Out of closet & successful transgendered attorney. Like helping people out of closets, fighting myths & stereotypes. Will speak on TG issues. It isn't '76, this is the '90s. Come out! You're an OK person. Don't put up with the guilt & shame lie."

LIANNA JAMES
(TX-P-M2949-K5062-77)
SWM, 6'1", 180. Mbr IFGE, Tri-Ess, SIS. "Enjoy travel, photography, computers & corresponding with other heterosexual crossdressers."

BRENDA LOGAN
(TX-P-M5358-K6872-78)
"Experimenting since a teen. Just recently started fully dressing, & am still somewhat closeted. Wife knows, but not fully supportive. Interested in fashion, glamour, makeup. Would like to make friends with like-minded sisters & exchange tips, photos & experiences. Active on Internet & AOL. Your letter & photo gets mine."

FRANCINE WILLIAMS
(TX-P-M3112-K5688-77)
"Advanced CD. Pass well. Very supportive wife. Enjoy the arts, fine dining, wine, world travel, walking (especially Paris), photography, lingerie, & vintage apparel. Have a very busy life, but will correspond & exchange photos/articles relating to TGs & women. Slow to respond, but please be patient. Am trying to be prompt."

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-79)
Mbr B&P & ASI. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. "Married to loving & supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection & overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing & conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing & petticoat punishment."

COLLEEN HELMS
(TX-M5531-K12231-76)
DWM bi-CD, 5'10", 180, red/blue. "Relationship-oriented. Love lingerie & heels. Need help with makeup, wigs, & upper physique styles. Correspond by phone or mail. Photo appreciated. Can entertain or travel. Discretion assured. Peace & love (we need it)!"

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-76)
"Single, hormones since '92. Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support."

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-79)
"M, self-employed, athletically fit. Seek attractive TG for friendship that could develop into a possible relationship. All answered with photo."

TIFFANY TAYLOR
(TX-P-M4460-K9001-77)
5'9", 165, 31. "Have an interest in everything about crossdressing. Love to attend FI shows & evenings on the town. Your photo gets mine."

LINDA B.
(TX-P-M4547-K9774-77)
"Divorced, post-op female, nurse. SRS at 21, hormones since age 15. Want to correspond with other TSs or men interested in post-op TSs. Very discreet. I think we are all very special."

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-77)
"SWM, 5'10, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated."

CHRISTY A.
(TX-P-M5673-K12523-77)
"Young attractive CD and supportive wife seek others who enjoy correspondence. We enjoy theatre, fine food and good company. Seeking other Texas sisters. All correspondence will be answered. Please include photo."

DARLENE E.
(TX-M5811-K0239-77)
"Divorced, lifelong CD. In the closet, but the door is open. Would love to meet others in northeast Texas. Will answer all letters."

LEE G.
(TX-P-M4622-K10161-78)
"Central Texas TG. Member of Austin Second Image. Interests are androgynous everyday dressing, long distance motorcycle touring, the Gender Forum on America on Line. E-mail address is MsMaytag@aol.com Interested in meeting others of a like mind and interests. Catch me online."

R. W.
(TX-P-M4790-K10551-79)
"Kind & caring. Like downtown & foreign films, political science, drives in the country & cha-cha dancing. Advanced Karate. Would like letters."

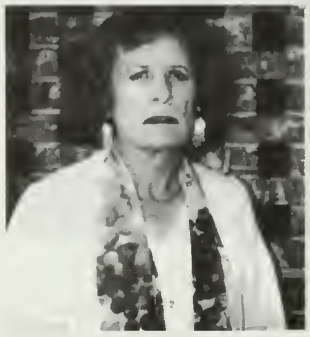
MONICA KATRICE ROBERTS
(TX-P-M4891-K10827-76)
"Mbr GCTC. 6'2, 180, African-American TS on hormones. Live in Houston & work for major airline. Can travel easily to other parts of US. College educated Liks are history, military board games, current events, all things feminine. Live as Monica & would like to correspond with other TGs, especially sisters of color. Letters/photos welcome."

ANGIE HONNE
(TX-M5248-K11646-78)
5'4", 130, WBiM. "Married. She knows, but no support, only anger. Otherwise, closet TS. Need help & advice. I am alone. Looking for support & friendship. No smoking, mild drink, & I like music. Never been out, but I really want to be a woman."

MARY LEE
(TX-M5263-K11681-78)
"Member of Delta Omega since 1986. Attended all T Parties except for one. Age in mid-60s. Reader, military retiree. Call Delta's hot-line for further contact."

DAVI WAYNE
(TX-P-M5578-K12281-76)
"Hetero DWM TG living more female than male seeks other Texas coastal bend CD/TS/TGs to participate in local support group. Friend of Bill W. Retired Navy CPO. Now cosmetology student."

KELLI ROBERTS
(TX-M5615-K10415-76)
SWM, 5'7, hetero. Mbr West Texas Gender Alliance. "Still new at this, but with each step I take I am enjoying it more & more. Would like to hear from all sisters, especially those in West Texas."



BETTIE ANN A.
(TX-P-M5616-K10064-76)
Mbr Delta Omega, Irving, Texas. Hetero, 60, 5'9, 150, widower. "Wife was supportive. Crossdressing since age 12. I prefer living as a woman most of my free time. Enjoy going out. Passable? No one has said anything, & I never asked. I'm just an older woman."

PAUL ROCHER
(TX-M5621-K8629-77)
"Generous, single, part-time TV, hopelessly unpassable, feminine clothing expert, wishes to support, entertain & assist young, passable TV. Want to help you be the woman I always wanted to be. Can travel or host. I will answer your letter. Photo appreciated."

CAROL R.
(TX-P-M5645-K12438-77)
Central Texas single CD, 5'8 & shapely. "After long repression, am exploring further. Educated, intelligent, traveled, healthy & sincere. Seeking like-minded persons for outings, conversation shopping, dressing, suppport or just correspondence—especially understanding genetic females. Write soon, I respond quickly. Photo appreciated."

JENNIFER RYAN
(TX-P-M5655-K9957-77)
SWM 5'11, 150. "New to CD scene, but trying to become more active. Enjoy sports, music, aviation & movies. Love wearing feminine outfits & sexy lingerie. Looking forward to correponding/meeting other TGs & understanding women in the community. Your letter/photo gets mine."

MARLENE D.
(TX-P-M5665-K11032-77)
"SWM hetero CD, fetish, fantasy dresser. All my outer/underwear are black patent stretch leather. Ultra-sheer, shiny 15 denier black seamless stockings—no pantyhose for this gal! 6" black patent spiked stiletto-heeled pumps with pointy toes. Please Write."

COLORADO (800-816)

SHEETAH O.
(C0-P-M3638-K6276-76)
GWM,6'1",160, 48, brn/blu, HIV +. "Seeking dominant males only. Submissive, sultry, long legs, sensitive breasts. Fondness for seductive lingerie. Intelligent, sense of humor, vunerable. Like theatre, arts, good conversation. '70's mellow rock."

ANNDREA DANIELS
(CO-P-M3726-K5545-76)
Attended Coming Together '91, Fantasia Fair '92, Esprit '93 & IFGE '94. WM CD/Fl, mid30s, 5'7", 145, blonde/blue. "Interests: doing Fl shows, enjoy a wide variety of music, restauranting, swimming & skiing. Can be a lousy correspondent, but am trying to get better. Like shiny, happy people. Dying to do more shows."

NANCY JANE S.
(CO-P-M4453-K9490-76)
"SW TG/TS tendencies. Very passable, ladylike, petticoated & sissified, passive, receptive to men. Desire full time relationship with right man. Like dating & having fun. Very clean & educated. Can travel. Like square dancing. Pretty legs & plump girlish rear."

JULIE RICHTER
CO-P-M4522-K5164-77
"Barbara & I would love to hear from all the new friends that we made at Be All last summer. We forgot to get most of your addresses, so please drop us a line so we can share some of the great pictures with you. Hope to see you all at Texas T & Be All this year! Like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

JOANNE WILSON
(CO-P-M4620-K10159-78)
"DWM, closet CD. Just starting to venture out. Passable after dark (barely). Would like to correspond with others & possibly meet. I enjoy all that is feminine & wish to be more active in the community."

SANDY MCKENNA
(CO-P-M5501-K12135-76)
DWM, 48, 6'4". "Too tall for going out, although I would dearly love to. Maybe someday. Hetero to now, but entertaining fantasies about TS or attractive TV. Looking for someone to correspond with & possibly meet. Need encouragement & guidance in becoming more active. Enjoy too much to waste away closet."

MICHELLE H.
(CO-M5599-K11938-76)
"SWM 6'-plus, 165, 35, non-smoking, non-drinking closet CD. Possibly passable after dark with some help. Desire to correspond with TV/TS in central Colorado. Can travel, but will exchange phone numbers/letters with those interested."

WYOMING
(820- 831)

VERONICA B.
(WY-P-M4969-K7113-80)
SWM, 150, 6', CD. "Love everything feminine. Enjoy changing looks & trying new things. Like to hear from open-minded, fun-loving people & meet with those in my area."

GINA S.
(WY-M5096-K11058-83)
MWM. mid-40s, CD/TG with TS inclinations."Seeking advice and support to achieve goal in coming out and being able to live a female life-style. Wife knows, trying to accept, but nonsupportive. I have much to learn about my femininity. Hearing from my sisters would be a great help."

MELANIE S.
(WY-P-M5205-K2889-77)
SWM, 5'8, 155, hetero CD "Like movies, theatre, concerts, dancing, fashion, SCUBA diving, skiing, snowmobiling, conversation, romance, and being the loveliest girl I can. Always eager to make friends & go on new adventures."

LINDA A.
(WY-P-M5488-K12095-76)
MWM. "Starting therapy for TS. Have a very supportive SO who wants me to be Linda always. Would love to hear from others in similar situation."

IDAHO
(834- 839)

GERRI BECKEN
(ID-P-M3230-K6299-83)
6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. "Interested in reading romance & science fiction/fantasy, computers, long walks, & dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write."

HEATHER WILKINS
(ID-M5741-K12608-77)
"Married with loving wife, CD, mid-30s. Closeted. Would like help in developing our community in South Idaho and Eastern Oregon. Looking forward to meeting sisters and brothers. I

welcome words of advice concerning the starting of a club. Would like to correspond with sisters from rural areas."

UTAH (840- 847)

KANDÉE STORRS
(UT-P-M2726-K4384-76)
DWM, straight, 5'10", 180. RCGSE Board. "Enjoy performing, raising money to fight AIDS, recreational crossdressing. Rhonda Shear wannabe. Wish to meet others (male or female) with similar interests."

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-78)
"DW/CD/TS? Interested in corresponding/meeting others. Like music, shopping, outdoors & comedy clubs. I started accepting myself. Like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect."

KAREN LYNN STEWART
(UT-P-M5001-K4431-76)
"170, 5'8", single, white, MtoF, into Mac computers, camping sewing, sci-fi. Fairly self-reliant, sew own clothes, fix car, make jewelry, looking for things to do to relieve my boredom. Would like to pen-pal to talk to others in Utah. Is Provo too specific."

DANA M.
(UT-P-M5364-K11458-78)
MWM CD, 39 (for real!). "Big on gettin' fixed up and gettin' out, especially dancing. Work lets me travel and have enjoyed meeting sisters i Boston, Atlanta, LA area, and Salt Lake City. Wife has participated little and does not understand. I am working on integrating my femininity into my daily life."

ARIZONA (850-864)

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-78)
"Mbr A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, & dogs. Fond of gold clothes, heels, & blonde hair, but also enjoy tight skirts & tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write."

TOMMIE F.
(E AZ-P-M1158-K1453-76)
"Lifelong CD has large collection of panties & bras in all styles & colors. Want to hear from serious lingerie collectors. Looking for undies from 1930-1960. Like minis, bosomy look. Passion for heels, hosiery, & lingerie. Want to correspond with sisters, exchange photos & lingerie."

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-76)
"Hetero CD, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic & attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Like art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, & fashions. Love to meet/write CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere."

SANDI GARDNER
(AZ-P-M4040-K8786-76)
Mbr Tri-Ess, 5'7, postgrad. "Enjoy movies (romance/adventure), Harleys, horses, fashions, FI shows, camping, sunsets, wine tasting. I'm a hetero CD on hormones. Want to correspond with other TGs. All letters answered."

CINDY N.
(AZ-P-M4047-K8782-78)
Mbr Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Married, 5'7", size 18. "Interested in photography, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping."

RASHEL R.
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-78)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Single, hetero CD. President Alpha Zeta, 1994. Attended California Dreamin' '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '93. "Love to network with serious sisters, e-mail 72142, 1570. Out of the closet, out on the town & enjoying life, clubbing, sisterhood & being me."

REBECCA B.
(AZ-P-M4791-K1362-78)
"Mbr Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. Love being fem. Retired, 5'10", 210. Dress anytime. Work with wood. Design SW style furniture. Like shopping & meeting TGs. Will send photo to all who write."

ANONOMOUS MALE
(AZ-M4888-K8301-76)
"Phoenix area. SWM, desire to meet pre/post-op for loving, caring monogamous, relationship."

CATHERINE SMITH
(AZ-P-M5208-K11545-77)
"SW, 32, Supporting Member IFGE. Very shy, self-employed carpenter specializing in kitchens and bath remodeling. Will work most anywhere. Interests include camping, music, reading, cooking, being creative, religion. No sexually explicit letters, please."

H. THAU
(AZ-M5366-K10430-78)
"Romantic, loyal, incarcerated man. Pisces, homeowner, professional chef, German-Irish nationality, 6', hazel-eyes. Want fem post-op for marriage. Will provide home, security, all my love. Pre-ops write! Answer all."

KRYSTAL STARR
(AZ-P-M5580-K12284-76)
"SWM, 6'2, 175, CD. Like music, Sci-Fi, water-snow-jet-skiing. Tall Blonde Trekkie wants to seek out new life & explore new worlds with friendly, understanding life-forms. Willing to travel the local galaxy for fun & adventure. Beam me your location & photo/phone."

KAY JULIA ARNOLD
(AZ-P-M5603-K3757-76)
5'13, 195, post-op TS. "Like ballroom dancing, reading, cooking, traveling, & going to musicals & plays. I would like to meet other women like myself & confident mature gentlemen with similar interests."

NEW MEXICO (870- 884)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-79)
"34, 5'8", 145, closet CD. Love heels, hose, lace & lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, & meeting some new friends. Will answer all."

THONG SANDI TAPAGANDA
(NM-P-M4342-K3848-80)
"Gay (happy) Transvestite, learning to get in touch with my feminine self. 5'7", 155, thirty-something. Very finely sculptured, completely hairless, athletic body. Activities include nudism, ballet (on pointe!), several sports, & phantasy photography. Am very open-minded, so when writing feel free to express your true self!"

GERRY T.
(NM-M4475-K7060-76)
"51, 5'8", 150 lb, CD/TG, supportive & helpful wife. Attended Texas T in '94. Passable, but no courage. Interested in corresponding with other CDs in nearby area."

NEVADA (890- 898)

DENISE H.
(NV-P-M3741-K8199-77)
"MWM, 6'0", 185, CD. SO supportive, Mbr SPICE (Tri-Ess). Mbr IFGE, Tri-Ess, Crossroads (M1) & Theta Upsilon Gamma (NV). Retired, not expired. Enjoy all things fem. Mbr of several speakers' groups & fond of outreach work, both inside & outside our community. Love to help sisters & work with our organizations."

CALIFORNIA (900-960)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-78)
"DBM, Hetero, 5'8", 140. Wish to correspond, exchange photos and meet other TGs/GGs. Been dressing long & realize I'll never stop. Enjoy it too much. In contact with many people that feel the same."

MARLENE L.
(S CA-P-M1036-K1602-76)
"Retired teacher, divorced, Tri-Ess Mbr since '80. Holiday En Femme, California Dreamin', Pajaro Dunes, Femme Fling. Go to films, gambling, theaters, shopping, etc. A lot of electrolysis has helped to pass."

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-76)
"Senior lady traveling down the long, arduous trail from M2F. Want to hear from anyone interested in leaning on an ancient, soft feminine shoulder."

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-78)
"Passable, 5'8", sz 12. Great sense of humor, discreet & sensitive. love sharing ideas with other girls. Like makeup, adventures, photography & 'puters. Want to achieve a to-

tally fem image & persona. Out at last & loving it."

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-79)
"Lifestyle changing. Very happy just going out as a woman, doing regular stuff: shopping, errands, etc. I pass well. TG group meetings secondary . Still belong RGA, ETVC, DVG."

ELIZABETH BLAIR
(CA-M1927-K2214-76)
"Fun, caring and sensitive Attractive, full feminine figure. Pass well enough to enjoy going out. Interested in shoping, cooking, computers, photography and anything feminine."

LISA ANN MAXWELL
(CA-P-M1965-K2133-76)
"Mbr ETVC, RGA, Northern CA. MWM, 39, 5'8", 145, 10, DWM. Attractive, effervescent. I love life, all its changes. Closet door is forever lost. Reasonably passable. I love my toddler son, just being Lisa, dancing, gardening, shopping. I tend to be an adventuress. Revel in emotions, intimacy. Be who you are, time is life."

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-81)
"WCD enjoys meeting people who have the same interests & that enjoy going out & having fun. I travel extensively & love meeting people & visiting groups. I am presently very involved in the community & very much enjoy helping those who are looking for info or help."

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-76)
"Lived as a woman most of my life. Am a bisexual TG. I live as a woman, but am not currently on hormones."

BOB DAVIS
(CA-P-M2620-K1631-76)
"Mbr ETVC, IFGE. Collector of TG books, periodicals & ephemera seeking to correspond with others & compare collections. Willing to buy, trade or sell. All letters & inquiries will be answered, but I apologize in advance for making you wait. A special note to dirty minds: I'm very happy in my current relationship. My lover & I do not welcome salacious solicitations."

CAROL LEE
(CA-M2798-K4622-78)
"Heterosexual-oriented TV. I pass reasonably well. Am happy to correspond or meet similar individuals who are interested in photography, shopping, beautiful clothes, or just sharing our mutual interest in dressing."

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-M2833-K4704-80)
"Mbr ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, & astrology. Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE & photo gets mine."

MARY ANNE S.
(CA-M3030-K5498-77)
"Finally, my schooling is complete! Many thanks to friends for patience & support. I can now correspond. Interests: science & astronomy, electrical engineering, gardening, cooking, pretty clothes, berdachism. Mbr AAAS, IFGE, SWE."

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-81)
"MWM, hetero CD. Wife has observed & assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for a while, am seeking pen-gals for better understanding."

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
"Mbr ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30s (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality. Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex*—Contributors welcome. This is my real life."

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-P-M3627-K7688-79)
60+, 5'10", 160, retired. Member SGA. "Long time CD/TV. No longer in closet. Enjoy going out to meetings, dinners, and in general enjoying relationships with other sisters. Would love to hear from you, especially Sacramento area."

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-79)
"TG, Bi, androgynous, on hormones, supportive wife. Delight in all that is soft & feminine. Fascinated by issues of transformation of consciousness, magic & shamanism implicit in cross-dressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation & Deep-ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA."

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-P-M4068-K8799-78)
"Dressing since childhood, but only recently began to explore femme self. Joined Tri-Ess, but was not able to attend meetings. Wife not accepting, so dress in private. Enjoy shopping & love feeling of nylons & heels. Enjoy travel fishing, home construction & repairs. Semi-retired. Will reply to all."

LORI M.
(CA-P-M4747-K10546-78)
"MWM, novice TS/TG, very discreet, wife non-supportive. Still in closet. Enjoy computers, movies & photography. Would like to meet big sister in the Antelope/San Fernando Valley area who can teach me to become the lady I long to be."

PENELOPE JAIN
(CA-M5005-K0766-76)
"Still a girl who dreams of being a woman. Would like to hear from sisters who live in Germany."

VERONICA SMITH
(CA-P-M5086-K10717-77)
"Mbr of ETVC, attended Southern Comfort '93, Texas T '94, '95, IFGE Convention-Portland '94. Three years limited crossdressing even though I have very supportive wife. Kind souls tell me I could pass, but I don't believe it. Would like to read my sisters' accounts of first times out. Will answer all letters."

KAREN ADLER
(CA-P-M-5172-K11409-77)
"I'm a good listener, friendly company, confident (135, 5'7") MTV. Maya Angelou's *Phenomenal Woman* says it best, '. . . when I try to show them, they say they can't see, I say it's in the click of my heels, the sun of my smile, the grace of my style . . . that's me . . . '"

JENNIFER H.
(CA-M5173-K11414-77)
"Athletic, 30-something San Francisco TV. Educated, fun-loving professional. Travel, love to dress, meet those interested in our 'sport.' Attend conventions, go out. Attractive, bright, blue eyes, brown hair, great sense of humor. Very active in both sports. Let's meet!"

GLENDA S.
(CA-P-M5388-K1175-79)
"SWM, 37, 6'1", 180, size 11, tall, slender. Enjoy CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange letters, photos, videos. Answer all. Have enjoyed all responses and exchanges since appearing in *Transgender Tapestry,* and hope for many more."

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7639-80)
"Fun-loving, 45, starting over for try #3 at womanhood. Love Mt. living, biking & all things feminine."

HELEN H.
(CA-M5462-K5044-76)
"70+ SWM lesbian TV loves it all dressed & submissive, lifelong TV. Cannot quit & do not wish to. Institute put me in contact with a lovely sister, a true loving lady, & she put me onto *Tapestry* & IFGE."

PAULA W.
(CA-P-M5471-K1669-79)
"Mbr RGA. 5'9", 53, MWM. Want to meet other like-minded sisters who enjoy the CD lifestyle. Have gone out dressed a few times. Interests include hiking, ocean walks, gardening, music, & shopping. Wife & family unaware of my feminine side. Would like to write to & exchange photos with femme sisters & genetic ones."

JAN JENSEN
(CA-M5494-K12112-80)
MWM bi-TV/TS inclined, 55, 6', 195, 18. "Wife okay to a point. Dressed all my life. Wear lingerie at all times. Go out occasionally. Love everything femme. On hormones since '84. Love to hear from anyone self-employed. Design, fabricate, repair, restore race cars & street rods."

SANDY S.
(CA-M5517-K1281-76)
"Relationship oriented. Have been female inside all my life. 5'11" 133 lbs. Completely smooth, 29' waist, long legs. Successful artist, sensitive, spiritual, loving, spiritual, loving, romantic. Seeking REAL relationship with strong protective man. Come rescue me. I have so much love to share."

GINA C.
(CA-P-M5534-K4391-76)
DWM, 40s, 5'10", 160. "Would like to correspond with TV/CD/GGs. Interests include cooking, makeup, shopping. Looking for that special person that enjoys who/what I am. Will answer all. Photo appreciated."

KAY B.
(CA-P-M5680-K12554-77)
40-ish, 5'12", slim (I55), married. "Fun-loving, educated, sincere, discreet and emerging. Into business skirts, blending in and making friends. Interests include aviation, computers and the environment. Looking for CD/TV friends, understanding escorts and makeup tips. Love going shopping and want company. Greater Los Angeles area. Correspondence only okay."

LUCY A.
(CA-M5712-K12652-77)
Member ETVC. Single, 35, 5'10", 170, bi-CD. Open minded. "I like to wear sexy clothing and sophisticated also. Interests: reading jogging, bicycling and body building. I like talking to and meeting other transgendered people. I also enjoy the company of women who understand my feelings of the crossdressing lifestyle."

NITZI T.
(CA-M5731-K12677-77)
"I just moved to northern California and am hoping to start a new life expressing my feminine side. I'm 43, SWM who strives to become the gentle and soft person within me. I'd love corresponding and meeting other TVs and male friend in the north state area."

GEORGANDA BURGOYNE
(CA-M5790-K0565-77)
"GG, non-CD. I like movies, thrift stores, beaches, desert trips. Would like to become an SO to a special lady with common interests. If she would enjoy going to socials and gender events with a real girl also in a dress. Come on out, single woman, be a friend. Write!"

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967- 969)

OREGON (970- 979)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-79)
"5'10", 165, still in closet. Wife knows & is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Traveling in Oregon & most outdoor activities. Love lingerie & TV fiction books, & have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping."

RONI LANG
(OR-P-M3599-K7624-80)
"SWM. Interested in bowling, water skiing, snow skiing, photography, travel, dancing, theater. Enjoy all activities as Roni."

HEATHER M.
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-78)
Tall MW TV, sincere, honest, friendly. "Thoroughly enjoy being Heather & her male counterpart. Interests include books, history (military, Scandinavian, American), reading, sci-fi, music, shopping, & all things feminine. Wonderful wife knows & is supportive. Looking forward to corresponding with other TG sisters from all over. Will answer all."

WASHINGTON (980- 994)

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-83)
Mbr NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160 CD. "Like music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting sisters. Have supportive SO. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social gettogethers & CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all."

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-79)
"VP Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91. 185, M, blond, blue eyes, Like CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. Enjoy going out & doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs & look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am."

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-80)
"Mbr Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun."

MELISSA LEEANN P.
(WA-P-M2102-K2505-76)
"Single post-op TS. Mbr of Emerald City, Tri-Ess. Like collecting dolls & stamps, sewing, calligraphy, & model railroading. Enjoy my life as a woman & am quite outspoken on gender issues. Looking for the right man. Will answer all letters."

EMILY THOMAS
(WA-P-M3119-K5669-77)
"Mbr Emerald City, 5'8", 155, 54, brown hair & eyes. Married 27 years to an understanding wife. Interested in sewing, weaving, spinning, computers, wood working, plants, & reading. Membership chairman for Emerald City. Write to sisters in the NW who are patient with my slow responses."

LINDA LOUISE S.
(WA-M4001-K8609-78)
"Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, love beauty in nature, music, femininity & caring relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seek feminine M-F TV of F who is loving & accepting. Friendship now, more later. Only sincere letters answered: be interesting, caring & romantic."

LORRIE T.
(WA-P-M4057-K7891-78)
MWM, 49, 10. "CD with supportive wife wishes to correspond with others. Very much want to make friends and dress one-on-one with other CDs in OR/WA. Not looking for sex, just good friends. Please write and I'll respond. Photo appreciated. Let's enjoy our feminine selves together."

STACY ELAINE DAVIS
(WA-M4919-K10876-76)
"Feminine, DSWM lesbian TV. Love beauty in nature, music, feminine & caring relationships. I am a smoker, 6', 220. Love shopping & wearing all the things that other women do. I like to read *Tapestry, Woman Talk* & watch daytime soaps."

ANNE L.
(WA-P-M5027-K9023-81)
"Mbr GLMA, AEGIS, IFGE, Emerald City. 44, 5'11, 160. Divorce pending; 2 children. Interests include art, dance, womyn's music, digital photography. Would like to correspond with other TSs (E-mail preferred) regarding: transition in the professional work place; caring for children; achieving acceptance within the lesbian community."

CHARLOTE R.
(WA-P-M5190-K11441-77)
"Single retired CD, 6'6", 220. Crossdressed since youth, never in public. Love underwear & dressing with friends. Travel a lot. Need advice on makeup & clothes. Have lots of time. Would like to hear from sisters. Worldwide story collection.."

S. DEVAUX
(WA-M5306-K11778-78)
"Closeted WM CD, 40s, at a crossroad. Looking for new experiences, lifestyles. Anglophile, considerate. Like to find employment related to community. Would consider escorting passable TV/TS. Interested in history & identifying means by which community can gain acceptance . Will attempt corresponding."

DOROTHY LEIGH GUSTAVSON
(WA-M5520-K12189-76)
"SWM, 5'3", auburn hair, blue eyes, wants letters from CD's everywhere. Have lived full time as a girl since age 16, thanks to mother's approval & encouragement . Got permission to spend a summer in her clothing. I was hooked & never looked back."

ROSE G.
(WA-P-M5564-K3547-76)
WMM hetero CD, 160, 5'8, 55. "Caring & sincere wife understands. Been CD for years. Partially out of closet. Interests: old cars, camping, other CDs. Like to meet & hear from sisters. Your photo & letter gets mine. Need advice & loving support."

NATASHA WILLIAMS
(WA-P-M5602-K12396-76)
Bi-TV, 5'11, 160, environmental activist, water damage technician. "What ifs since age 8. Outdoorsy, alpine scrambling, listening to nature, dual-sport motorcycles, Native American music & enjoy being alone. 'Girls will do everything.' Mind is a garden. Semi-sarcastic, realistic, agnostic, centered, caring & sincere. Love fetish & being beyond the norm! I write & travel."

JIMMY CHANZ
(WA-P-M5748-K9651-77)
"CD since early 20s. 5'10", 160, 44, blue eyes, brown hair, supportive SO. Enjoy lingerie, movies, music. Shy, though comfortable. Looking for attractive CD to correspond and possibly have lunch and/or drinks. Will answer all letters. Photo a must."

ANN J.
(WA-M5800-K12775-77)
"Widower age 65, in the closet since age 13, now trying to crack the door open. Would like to meet others in local area, accepting women. Late wife very much opposed. Don't currently pass. Discretion expected and provided."

ALASKA (995- 999)

SUZANNE TAYLOR
(AK-M2422-K3304-79)
"Married, 38, CD, 6'2", eyes of blue, 140. Attended Coming Together in Portland as my first event. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful people that I met there again! Special thanks to Yvonne, Veronica, & Stephanie for making my first time great!"

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-79)
"Mbr Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife & grown & gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar & flute. Spend all my non-work time as a woman, & go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated."

CANADA

ROBYN V.(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-78)"Mbr Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, & Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, married, family, living SE Ontario. Like theater, classical & other music, skiing, & boating. Love to shop, dine & enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa & other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated.

GLEN M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-79)
"Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92, Be All '94, Erie '94, Harry Benjamin '93. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. As a 'male-dresser,' regardless of role, I am always 'a man.' Passing not important. Presentability, relating & decorum essential."

KAREN FOX
(CAN-P-M3140-K5888-77)
"Fantasia Fair since '92. Like 'puters, comic books, stockings, & high heels. CD since teens. Enjoy the feeling of silky stockings. Enjoyed walking outside with the cool air as Karen during my visits to P-town."

•ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-78)
'88 Coronation Ball. 5'10", 170, single. "Friendly, fun, & outgoing. Like flying, motorcycling, all things fem. Love going out as Erica. Out to friends. Want friendship & girl-talk. Open, honest, & discreet. Want to hear from others, esp. in Vancouver/Seattle area. Photo/phone nice."

ROBYNN MARIE LAYNE
(CAN-P-M4455-K3419-77)
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CHRISTINE B.
(CAN-P-M4486-K9701-77)
"Tall, slim, blue eyed brunette, hetero CD, early 40s. Interested in intelligent, sensitive, non-sexual correspondence with anyone who is either struggling or reveling in this difficult/joyous condition/opportunity life has presented to those of us who are gender gifted."

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-77)
"Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help & support. No sex letters."

M.G.
(CAN-M4685-K10367-71)
"Single genetic male in 60s very interested in all transsexuals & androgynes. Would like to correspond with a M-F or F-M TS (especially the latter, & post-op). Must be willing to share experiences. Also would like to correspond with genetic females. Only TS, androgynes & genetic females, please write."

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-76)
"Early 40s, single, hetro CD, 5'3", 155lb., Mbr of Cornbury. Never been out, but perhaps... Interests include musical theatre, travel & sports. I'd like to meet/correspond with sisters & supportive ladies in Victoria & Canada."

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-79)
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(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-77)
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EUROPE

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(GER-P-M3050-K5626-77
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HEIKE SPREITZER
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KAREN H.
(GER-P-M5082-K9644-76)
"Early 30s, 5'11", 150 TG/CD, slim figure, educated and successful professional, out since 1992. "Comfortable with both aspects of my personality. Love being feminine and adore lingerie, nylons and heels. Would enjoy sharing correspondence with my beautiful TG sisters all over the world. Travel a lot. Please send photo for prompt reply."

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AUSTRAILIA

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BRAZIL

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TRANS-COMMUNITY

What's Doing at TG Clubs and Organizations Around the World

Seems like trans is busting out all over with Spring...at least trans outreach to the straight community...A large segment is involved in presenting trans issues to groups outside the TG world...First up is **Kappa Beta**, whose members (Charlotte NC) filled in sociology students at UNC Charlotte on TG issues...Now one of the community's oldest groups is one of its newest...Cedar Rapids IA's **Phoenix** (formerly Chrysalis) has become "Transsexual Outreach"...**East Coast Female-to-Male Group** (Northampton MA) gathered at Bet Power's home to hear the ubiquitous Ari Kane and newtrans man Eric Mac on "The Dynamics of the F2M Movement"...**The Sacramento Gender Association** has elected a new slate of officers: Pres. is Linda Lee, Veep is Wittnie P., and Bernadette H. is new Sec/Treas...Hear there was a pretty spicy meeting of **Sigma Beta** (Oklahoma City OK), though there's no truth to the rumor there were fifteen jalapenos in the dip on Salsa Night...Georgia, who provided the concoction admits "it tasted that way"...Vanessa Kay kept things cooled off with "Sven" and "Olie" jokes...Meanwhile, Rachel Rudnick was elected chair of the **Central Oklahoma Transgender Alliance** (Oklahoma City OK), Cate O'Toole became Treasurer...It must be Kismet, Cate, 'cause she was also elected facilitator of **the Oklahoma New Men and Women** group...Congrats to Suzanne Adams, Judy Osborn, and Sandy Stevenson of **The Emerald City** (Seattle WA) girls (their newest Pres, Veep and Sec. respectively)...**The Boulton & Park Society** (Bulverde TX) continues their good work with proceeds from the Texas T Party, adding the ICTLEP to the list of their annual grant recipients...Those receiving much needed checks in the 1995/96 season included Dr. Gordene McKenzie, Lee Frances Heller, Leslie Feinberg, and others...Now, if they'd just quit claiming they "never" met a single happy post-op...When the world is so full of them...Four members of the **Australian Transgender Support Association** (Queensland AU), including Pres. Gina Mather, met with John Briton of the Australian Anti-Discrimination Commission to discuss trans rights in the great Down Under...Great going, gals...Kudos too for Tammy Desrosiers and Patricia Wells of **Gender Talk North** (Keene NH) who presented trans issues at a training session for the local Samaritans' telephone hotline...Then repeated the act with an expanded group at Tufts University...SRS surgeon, Yvon Menard's lecture for the **Sunshine Club** (Hadley MA) was a mega success with some 70 trans people from throughout the New England area in attendance...So were sales for **the IFGE Traveling Bookstore**, brought by the beauteous Vanessa Murray...The SC girls also found time to present trans issues to resident advisors at the local U. Mass dorms, according to Roberta S....**Sigma Epsilon** (Roswell GA) held its Spring Cotillion...Fay was voted Miss Spring Cotillion and crowned by Veronica (last year's winner), with Michelle M. Designated 1st Runner Up...SE members were also among those reaching out to present trans issues to the local university...Five Sig Eps appeared before an Emory University class...Dianna of the **Crystal Club** (Columbus OH) took courage, as well as her 6 feet, 200 lbs. in-hand and dressed up for her first outing to a mall...Results were "clerks were great," she "was treated politely at every turn" and got "better and more courteous service while dressed as a woman"...Not bad for a gal who until recently "never left the house dressed"...Could be some kind of message here...Meanwhile, CC member Lori had the best "coming out" to family experience possible...Her younger brother confided he is also a CD...**The Memphis TG Alliance** (Memphis TN) is in search of a new home...**Innvestment**s (Cape Cod MA) member Jessie Martin has been video taping a series of interviews and panels with trans folk for play on CC cable access...Jean Marie Stine, Ariadne Kane, Alison Laing, and others were press-ganged for the assignment...When New Orleans' *Impact (*gay and lesbian paper) ran a seriously transphobic piece by columnist "Marcel" **Gulf Gender Alliance's** Nancy Sharp and others met with the editor to let him have our views on the subject...Result: a new trans-friendly policy and the exiting of "Marcel" as a columnist...**Tiffany Club** (Waltham MA) held its first Senior Prom...No one was surprised that Pres. Jonel was elected "most likely to get knocked up"...But *Rosebuds* editor Brenda Burke was a no-show...Strap on her new evening gown broke as she doned it and the girl was too upset to make an appearance...**Paradise Club** (Cleveland OH) members Brittany, Joni, Paula, Kim, Billie, and Aleta were also on the outreach path, speaking at the University of Akron's Student Center...When **Crossdresser**s **Heterosexual Intersocial Club** (Long Beach CA) suddenly found itself without a March meeting site, Van Nuys eatery 94th Aero Squadron "caught wind" of the situation and offered to book the group for the evening...Apparently the 94th had had the girls in before and liked them as customers, so...Hey, at least we're appreciated somewhere...Terrific St. Paddy's Day party for **Chicago Gender Society** (Chicago IL) girls with Kiki Carmichael a hit in her Green Goddess gown...St. Pat's dinner provided by Roman and Terisa, who happen to be Polish! (sounds like a transcultural event to us)...In a scene out of *Just Like a Woman*, **Alpha Omega** (Sheffield Lake OH) gal Gloria Sue Fenton forgot to put on her headlights one night after the AO meeting and found blinking lights in her rearview mirror...Happier ending, though, as polite cops asked her name, she supplied the real one on her driver's license, and as there were no warrants...She was let go with a polite warning and

ticket...**New York Girl and Partner** (Centerreach New York NY) have expanded from one meeting per month to two...crossdressers only, though...Marcus de Maria Arana has replaced F2M hunk Jamison Green as editor of the ***FTM International*** (San Francisco CA) newsletter...Leaves Jamison more time to devote to trans rights and FTM promotion...Eight members of **Phoenix TG Support** (Asheville NC) did their outreach program to the local lesbian-gay organization, C.L.O.S.E.R...**Imperial Court of Houston** voted the glamorous Ruby Stone Empress and the peerless Jim Halbert Emperor...Monica Jay, author of *Geraldine* (filmed as *Just Like a Woman),* autographed copies of the new edition at the **Belmont Trust** (London, England)...Now there's a woman who should give unmarried hetero-CDs renewed faith the accepting woman of their dreams is out there somewhere...**Illusions Social Club** (Calgary, Canada) just celebrated its sixth birthday...And many more! to our sisters and brothers up north...Leslie Feinberg is still in urgent need of assistance with catastrophic health bills...Contributions c/o Column Foundation. 370 7th Ave., 7 Penn Plaza, #830, New York NY 10001...Spring is busting out all over...And so was **Tennessee Vals** (Nashville TN) girl Pamela DeGroff from her ultra tight dress on the night of the local Pride Ball..."Don't," she writes, "attempt acrobatics in one," otherwise "ripppp!"...Let this be a lesson to you ladies out there...The girls **of Powder Puffs of California** (Yorba Linda CA) heard some real "girl talk" from best-selling author of *The Man in the Red Velvet Dress*, and *Transgender Tapestry* columnist, J.J. Allen...When some misguided sister decided to do her lingerie shopping from other people's clotheslines, **Swann's Inner Sorority** member Christina Danelle Jensen, who was in the neighborhood at the time, was "invited" to the local police station...Composite drawing proved she looked nothing like the person in question and Christina was soon released...Officers concerned were polite and professional...Not so her boss, who fired her when word of her CD status was communicated by officers double-checking her whereabouts for the evening...**Neutral Corner's** (San Diego CA) Melanie Yarborough was the proud, and very deserving recipient, of the Alicia Lichty Spirit of California Award for her many activities on behalf of the TG community...**The Seahorse Club of Victoria** (Melbourne, Australia) finally comes of age celebrating its 21st birthday this year...That's longevity in a TG support group!...**Members of the River City Gender Alliance** (Council Bluffs IA) have made a monthly pledge to help support the International Conference on Law and Employment Policy...Now, if only every local club would adopt a national or international organization and send a monthly contribution...Remember, they're working for your rights transmen and women...**Northwest Gender Alliance** (Portland OR) members joined the outreach trail, educating the pastor and BoD of an Ashland church all about trans matters...As Rose of **Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression** (St. Paul MN) was walking down the street *en femme* one evening a street person asked, "Sir, can you spare a quarter?"...For some reason this was not fulfilled..."Which goes to show," Rose says, "that people at all levels of society could benefit from learning proper pronouns for the transgendered. If he'd said ma'am he would have gotten the quarter, perhaps a dollar."...Not all sisters aren't ladies it seems...Increasing notice reaches us of those who after being clearly and carefully told to restrict themselves to certain specific "ladies rooms" at TG events held in hotels and restaurants ignore the ban and avail themselves of those reserved for the general public...To the great injury of the entire TG community and the organization in question...Latest examples, certain "men in dresses" at the Transpitt (Pittsburg PA) Xmas party at the Sheraton Hilton, long time host and supporter of the TG community...One GG (genetic girl) lodged a justified complaint when she found herself sharing the powder room with CDs who had been given their own ladies room down the hall...Transpitt and all TG functions have been permanently barred...**Transsexuals in Prison** (USA) has a new lineup, Roni Lynne Soubrette, Exec. Dir., Vanessa Meriwether, Asst. Exec. Dir., and Patricia Fisher, Canadian Dir....There's work to be done in the area...Plenty of sisters and brothers are behind bars and could use some support whether innocent, guilty, or somewhere between...Sad tale told by Maggie Colon Pres. Of **Long Island Femme Expression** (Lake Ronkonkoma New York)...A new sister who had never been crossdressed outside her own home attended a LIFE meeting for the first time...Excited, she took copious photos of herself with other girls...Tragedy is, when they were developed, she felt everyone else looked feminine and beautiful but she looked like a man in drag...Upshot is, the sister resigned and vowed never to leave her house CDed again and won't take calls from LIFE girls...Not an uncommon reaction...But, hey, sister, if you're reading this, it takes years for GGs and TGs to learn makeup...Go on back, the other girls will give you tips and you'll be looking great in no time!...Arizona State University at Tempe's class in Variant Sexuality got the hot skinny on trans when **Alpha Beta** babes Kim, Cindy, Diane, Jessica, and Mickey did their outreach bit one recent afternoon...**Longtime Rainbow Gender Alliance** pres. Diane Holloway has decided to vacate the post...Don't take it as a slur on your shoe size, Diane, when we say your high-heels will be hard to fill...Our best to Lisa and Jeannie **of Delta Mu** on their recent nuptials...No word yet on what the "brides" wore...More crownings, this time at **The Imperial Court of San Francisco** (San Francisco CA), where former Emperor Brian Benamati turned his scepter over to Steve Valone, while former Empress Donna Sachet passed the royal trappings on to local beauty Cockatelia...**ETVC** outgoing Pres. Jane Kamper Bentley and others are on record as worried about a recent decline in that group's membership...Let's hope it's just a momentary downturn...It's **the Delaware Renaissance** (Wilmington DE) girls who were the life of another Renaissance chapter's party...With Leslie, Diane, Andrea, and other DR members closing out a gathering at the Philadelphia Shipp Inn at "a quarter 'til three"...We'd ask, "What's wrong with you girls in Philadelphia...Don't you know how to party?" but someone would probably take it seriously and we'd receive tons of mail...That's all the news that fits for this issue.....JMS

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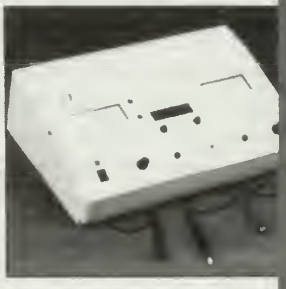

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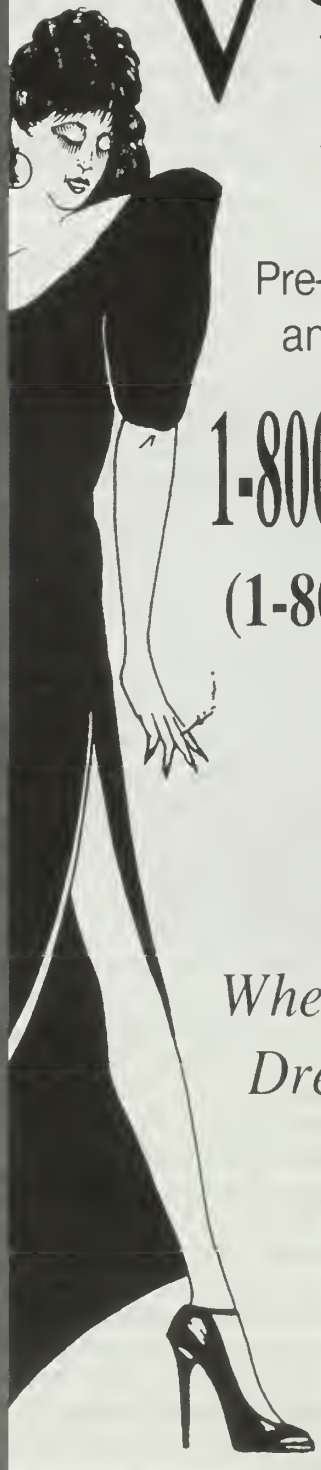

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18-21: Kindred Spirits Vision Circle Dixon Mountain NC P.O. Box 18332, Ashville NC 28814

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1-3: Fall Harvest, St. Louis MO P.O. Box 75 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 (309) 755-2310

6-10: 9th annual Gay & Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" Conference, Alexandria VA 2320 17th St. NW, Washington DC 20009-2702

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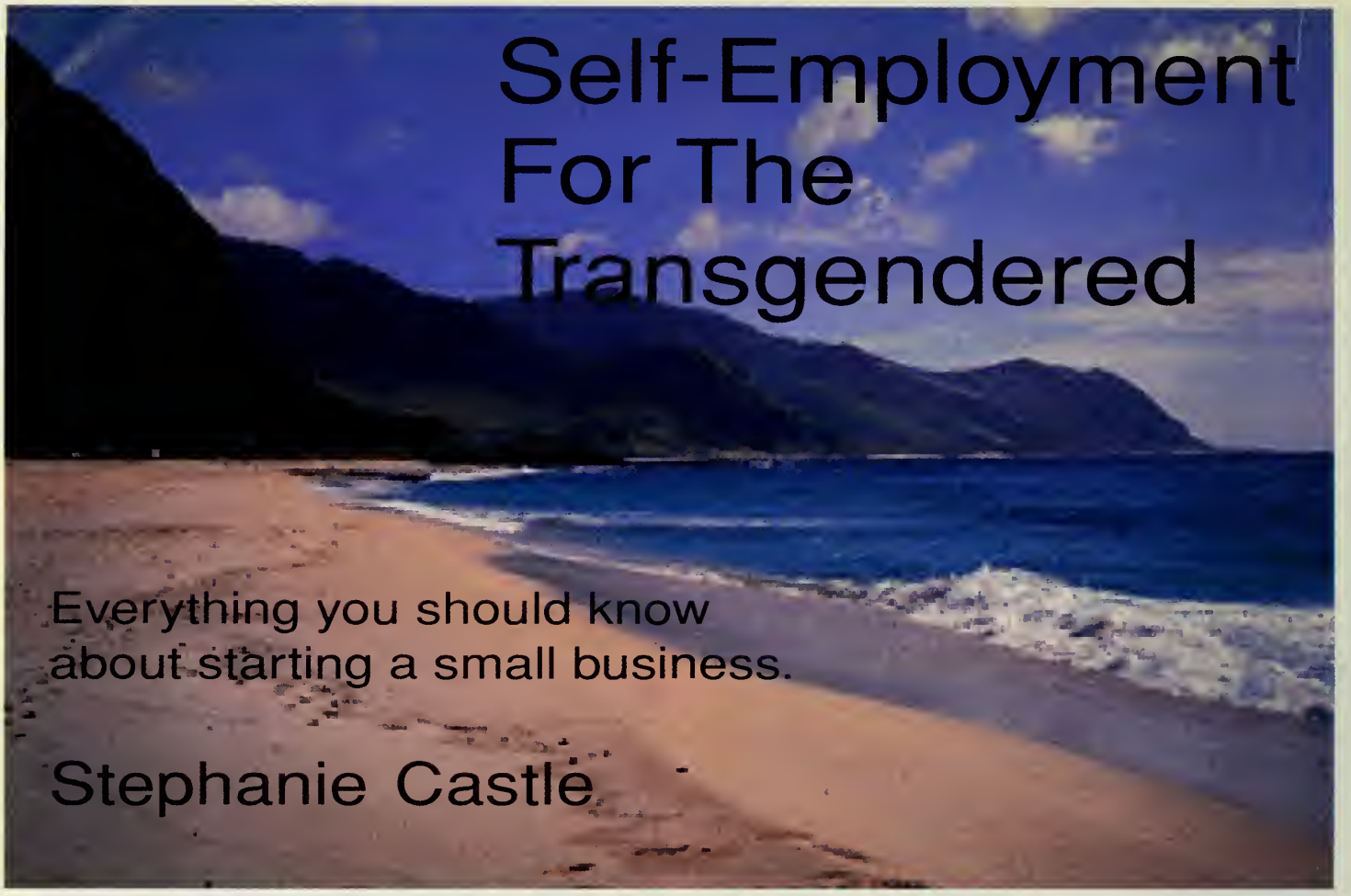
Self-Employment For The Transgendered

Everything you should know about starting a small business.

Stephanie Castle



"One woman makes pictures out of seaborn debris."

"How am I, as a transgendered person, going to get through the rest of my life and enjoy a reasonable degree of security and comfort, and be free of enslavement to someone else's whims, the vagaries of the work force, and the uncertain paycheck?"

This is a common question, one you hear frequently from those transitioning or considering transitioning from their anatomical sex to their psychological gender. The question has never been so pertinent as it is today in an era of national financial crisis. It is an unwise person who does not take heed of what is going on around him/her, and make positive plans now for developing a better personal position. This goes for transgendered people even more so than for others, as there are special challenges that go with the condition, as most of us know all too well.

Businesswise, I would suggest that TG people who come out consider small business ventures as a means of self-employment. Independence is often a better answer for the transgendered person, particularly when approaching older age. There is no better feeling for the self-motivated, self-employed entrepreneur than to know that everything that he/she is achieving is the product of his/her own inspiration and labors. It all recognizes one's creativity, organizing ability and resolution, and best of all one's independence. If one can make money in the process, then that's even better.

Activating the mind, fertilizing one's own ideas, exploring opportunity, creating something from nothing or at least very little, can be the greatest fun for the person with imagination and drive, and the best of it is that you don't need a university degree to prosper by your own efforts. "Think, do, and achieve," are three simple words which every self-motivated entrepreneur lives by, and so can you, if there is a will to succeed.

(Although this article is written from the point-of-view of a male-to-female TG, by simply reversing its polarities mentally, the information herein can be applied to female-to-male TGs, too.)

MY OWN STORY

I have been modestly successful in my own business of publishing and book distribution, despite the fact that I knew little of the former when I started it a matter of weeks after dealing with sex reassignment surgery. As an author, I had been looking for a publisher for two of my own books which were then in manuscript form. But no one was interested, and as for bank financing, that was a joke. So my son and I scratched the capital we needed together and I became my own publisher. Distribution became the next challenge. Bookstores wanted my books, but no legitimate distributor was interested in a small potatoes, one-shoot publisher, so we became our own distributor.

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der section of our business. We now sell consistently to a mail-order list running to four figures in a dozen countries, gaining all that we would give away to the distribution process otherwise. Our next big market is libraries, followed by retail bookstores.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

"For the TG import mail order possesses many advantages."

Of course, not all of us are cut out for running a business, as it does take some entrepreneurial flair, drive and ambition. It takes self-control and common sense, plus always seeking to improve one's self-education, never accepting the status quo (e.g., sitting on your duff and letting events take control of you). An entrepreneur is constantly alert for fresh opportunity, and is never backward in asking him/herself or others, how, why, and when?

Some TG people fear that working for themselves will be too challenging. They become fearful of taking a risk. If you have minimal business experience start small, work your thinking up, and grow as you accumulate experience. Work up a personal balance sheet of skills you possess and reach sound conclusions about your strengths and deficiencies. Then you can develop a business plan.

There are sources of information which one can readily tap. The Small Business Administration and the Government Printing Office offer numerous publications for those interested in going into business for themselves. An inquiry at a main branch of a library will also turn up books and magazines filled with ideas and opportunities. There are also "how-to" books available on just about every conceivable business venture and self-employment opportunity imaginable.

PICKING A FEMININE JOB

It is natural enough that male-to-female transsexuals will be attracted to "feminine" style occupations. But it is in this area that I think some of us get off the trail. We take the wrong pathway and end up in even greater difficulties.

This may not be a problem if one already presents feminine features and mannerisms. True, the mannerisms can be acquired and the feminine features developed, but the entire exercise can be placed in jeopardy if there is a mismatch (e.g., a big diesel mechanic who wants to sell cosmetics behind the beauty counter). So realism and common sense have to remain paramount in your assessment of your own potential.

However, there is no shortage of opportunity if one goes about it in the right way. I have found that in developing my own business I have been readily accepted by just about everyone with whom I come in contact. But then I have an approach which many of us would not like, or as a matter of personal preference would be unable to adopt: *total honesty about my history and background.* I make it a condition of doing business with important connections that they know of this background. This is done without any suggestion on my part that I want their approval, the subject being presented as a matter of bald fact. This avoids speculation and needless embarrassment later. And if they can't handle it, I am free to take my business somewhere else in the case of suppliers, or let an author find another publisher.

This approach works well for the independent entrepreneur. After all, your money is as good as anyone else's. In my case, I know I can deliver the goods if a project meets my own requirements. However, for the jobseeker this approach would amount to overkill.

THE FOUR KEYS TO SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS

Anyone venturing into their own enterprise should keep these four rules in mind:

(1) correctly identify your market and with experience quantify it;

(2) be realistic—don't bite off more than you can chew;

(3) always have a game plan which can be extended or amended so that flexibility is not lost when new circumstances arise;

(4) never give up hope; keep on searching until you find the answer which best suits you.

I served several useful apprenticeships that started while in school. During the war years, everyone in Britain was exhorted to "Dig for Victory." I was 13 in 1939, so with my middle brother we started our own vegetable garden in an area that our father allocated to us. We soon had a productive garden, so we took over further land on public ground by our school. Then on Saturday mornings we would deliver produce to friends and relatives in our town. It is true the incentive was making money; helping the country to victory was a secondary thought! At 9, I had started collecting ship photos in much the same way as some boys collect stamps. Wartime censorship put a stop to much photographic enterprise, but four years at sea in the navy expanded my collection considerably.

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Extraordinary Lives

Loreta Velasquez, who as Harry Buford was a scout for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Sarah Edmonds, who dressed as a male and served in the Civil War as a soldier and spy under the name Franklin Thompson.

A Personal History of the F2M Movement
Where have we been? Where are we going?

R. Scott Gerdes

The ladies like the trousers,
Of that there is no doubt.
Many would be a barman,
But fear they'd be found out.
Anonymous (British)

Part 1

With one last straightening of my tie and a quick check to make sure both shoe laces were knotted, I stepped off the posh elevator at the downtown Minneapolis Marriott Hotel's fourth floor. As I made my way down a short hall past the row of pay telephones, the scene I had been waiting months for was finally in view.

Tall, poised women dressed in colorful chiffons and shiny silks were hugging, chatting, and laughing while others appeared to be enthralled in deep discussion. Some of the women, laden with clipboards and papers, were briskly walking in and out of conference rooms and offices.

As I began to soak in the event that was unfolding, I spied who I was really eager to see—other F2Ms, compadres, brothers. I didn't need to see the IFGE banner draped along one hallway, because I knew I was where I belonged and with whom I wanted to be.

If someone had asked me three years ago if I could envision myself at a transgender conference, I would have said, "No." If I had been asked if I had any friends who were also transsexual, I would have said, "No." Would I ever get up in front of a room of strangers and talk about my life as a female-to-male transsexual? "No." Would I ever be open about my gender identity? "Hell no." Was I hiding? "Yes."

Thanks to such female-to-male transsexual pioneers as James Green, director of FTM International, things have changed. We have now adopted the acronym "FTM" or "F2M" and say it proudly. Speaking spiritedly of ourselves to ourselves and to others like us may be the most important first step toward a "coming out" of F2Ms. Only within the last couple of years has the F2M community raised its voice enough to be heard.

We are starting to get involved in our communities, taking on activist and educator roles. Just last summer, F2M International put together the first ever F2M International Conference in which over three hundred fifty F2Ms converged in San Francisco to hear from medical professionals, therapists, and law experts.

But mostly, F2Ms were there to be with their own kind—to finally, really know that they weren't alone. Those are the kinds of things we can keep doing as a community to strengthen our bond with each other. There is a lot of truth to the old adage that there is

strength in numbers.

Maybe the F2Ms who are speaking up don't want to be silent anymore because they don't want to be alone anymore. "I think we have been more visible and vocal because it is time to be," Green offered. "We have hidden ourselves away for too long. We seem to have realized that we can no longer allow transsexualism to be defined as only 'men who want to be women.'"

Why do so many of the estimated one hundred thousand F2Ms in the United States stay behind the scenes, maybe only coming out to their families, selected friends, and on rare occasions to their employers? Because we can.

We can grow hair on our faces, chests, arms and hands. Hormones make our voices deeper. There's more opportunity for us to wear looser clothing which conceals any female body characteristics that have not been surgically corrected. On the whole, when women dress up, they wear less. To our benefit, when men dress up they wear more. Furthermore, most males don't want to stand out too much from the crowd—they aren't expected to flaunt their looks anyway. Men aren't expected to express their feelings either—silence is the norm.

F2Ms blend into mainstream society with a fair amount of ease and many do this for the same reasons they hide—because they can. And because it's safe. If you're an out transsexual, you are taking the risk of losing family, friends, civil rights, basic freedoms, and your job—not to mention the potential for public ridicule and hate crime victimization. This rationalization is nothing new.

Some of the earliest records of F2M transgenderism, especially in America and in European countries, clearly show this history of behavior on the part of the individual and on society. Court documents, journal writings, novels, and even children's songs from seventeenth and eighteenth century Europe, specifically from Holland and Germany, provide a window on the past.

This satirical cartoon of the 19th century caricatured the trend of women "disquised" as men who enrolled in the military. It poses the question, "What do you think of my protector, Captain Maria?"

In the early part of this century, authors Rudolf M. Dekker and Lotte C. van de Pol studied one hundred nineteen cases of what they termed "female transvestitism." They found, mostly through personal journals and court records, that the three main motives women cited for taking on a male persona were:

Following family or lovers.
Defense of the fatherland.
Poverty.

These could be respectively classified as romantic, patriotic, and economic motives.

Of course, it's difficult to know how many were truthful about their reasons for living as men—and how many were offering what they felt was a palatable excuse most likely to be accepted by the society of the time. But, there was one person Dekker and van de Pol studied, Jan van Ant, who successfully lived as a man for thirteen years and, although he was in the military, he gave the distinct impression that his motives went beyond mere patriotism, love, or monetary need.

Maria van Antwerpen was born in 1719 in the town of Breda, Holland. At age twelve "she" was orphaned and worked as a maidservant. Maria enlisted as a soldier under the name of Jan van Ant in 1746. A year later, Jan legally married a woman and kept his anatomical gender hidden from her.

For five years Jan successfully managed not to reveal his body in the presence of other soldiers. During periods when the soldiers had to share cots, Jan would sleep with his pants on and took extra care to find alternative times or places to urinate and bathe.

When his army unit was posted in Breda, in 1751, he was "recognized and discovered," put on trial, and subsequently exiled from his hometown. His outing came from the eyes of a child as his regiment marched down a street in his hometown. The account of how he felt after being exposed is one of the few recorded: "I could not hide the melancholy that this unexpected event lodged in my soul, so that upon my homecoming my wife could not avoid becoming aware of it, as my dejected countenance and defeated posture gave sufficient knowledge of it."

In his diary, Jan wrote that for a period after the trial he wore women's clothes, but felt that "men's habit" became him "better." Jan also wrote that he saw himself as an "exceptionally stout" woman with the manners of a "dragoon," but felt he made a "handsome boy."

Dekker and van de Pol initially theorized that Jan "took up a life as a man" because of the impending threat of poverty and the knowledge that he could pass. However, they discovered through court documents that Jan had other reasons for living as a man—biological reasons, and a self-awareness of his true gender identity—two concepts that scientists and doctors of the eighteenth century had never fathomed. During his trial, Jan told the court when he was 17-years-old he noticed that "something like a shaft shot out" of his body whenever "nature demanded the discharge of seed." On the belief that Jan may have been a hermaphrodite, he was ordered to undergo a medical examination which concluded that he was anatomically female. Several court statements made by Jan further suggest transgender feelings. He emphasized that God, nature and fate had predestined his "crossdressing."

"I should have been and was expected to be the seventh son of my parents," he testified. "Mother Nature has treated me too hard, against my inclinations and passions; I take this as a rule, that no one can escape his predetermined fate. It is impossible to control one's first passions." In an attempt to further explain to the court why "she" had "masqueraded" as a man, Jan stated that in appearance he was a woman but in nature a man. Since he was not like any other woman, he deemed it best to dress in men's clothing.

Jan van Ant's range of intentions for living as a man clearly parallel the feelings of many twentieth century F2Ms, as did his reasons for secrecy. Jan not only believed that if "unmasked" he would be banned from the army and his marriage annulled, but in diary passages he wrote of his fear of being laughed at, of being deemed less of a man because he didn't readily partake in games of "tomfoolery," or frequently seek out prostitutes.

There are many examples of "passing women" found in headlines of the yellowed pages of newspapers from the late 1800s (and ear-

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AIDS

The Seven Important Things TG People Should Know About

Walter Bockting Ph.D.

[The following article is based on the Transgender HIV Prevention Workshop, a product of a 1992/93 collaboration between the City of Lakes Crossgender Community, the Minnesota Freedom of Gender Expression, the Aliveness Project, the Minnesota AIDS Project, and the University of Minnesota's Program in Human Sexuality, that was funded by the American Foundation for AIDS Research.]

How common is HIV/AIDS within the transgender community?

Adequate estimates of the number of transgender people with HIV/AIDS are lacking because there is no Center for Disease Control category specifically for TG people. However, clinical experience and studies indicate that HIV is prevalent among TG people. For example, since 1990, fifteen out of two hundred-fifty (six percent) new TG clients at the Program in Human Sexuality knowingly have HIV/AIDS. Studies have reported that TG sex workers show the highest rates of HIV compared to non-TG male or female sex workers. Some of the most valued members of the TG community have died of AIDS, such as Lou Sullivan, founder of FTM International, and Jennifer Richards, who was active in IFGE.

What are the biggest myths about HIV/AIDS in the TG community?

"It's a gay disease and heterosexuals don't get AIDS." Despite evidence to the contrary, this myth remains common. As one TG person stated: "Most of the TGs I know, who were living as heterosexual men and are now living as heterosexual women, think they are immune. They are pre-operative and they're having anal intercourse, just like the riskiest thing in the world. And these people consider themselves educated about HIV." *The reality is that AIDS does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, or sexual orientation.*

"Most people with HIV look sick." It's a dangerous misconception that you can recognize infected persons by their appearance. As one TG told me, "If you see this really gorgeous guy you're going to say, 'No, I don't think he has it.' Just by looking at somebody. You can't tell a book by its cover." *The reality is that most people with HIV look healthy.*

"HIV/AIDS is a punishment for being different." This myth reflects the shame as a result of having a socially stigmatized identity. As one TG person put it, "AIDS is society's punishment for being queer." *The reality is, again, that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate. HIV is a virus spread by unsafe sex or needle sharing.*

"No, we didn't use protection. I wasn't planning to have sex. He just wept my feminine side off her feet."

How are TG individuals at risk for HIV?

In addition to being at risk like anyone else, TG people have some special vulnerabilities to HIV/AIDS.

Conflict or confusion about one's sexual or gender identity may contribute to sexual risk behavior. As one person stated, "I think for me it [being TG] increased my risk for HIV simply because I was pretty unconscious of my sexuality. I was having sex with men, and I never really liked it. Had I not been so repressed at that time, I probably would have acted a lot differently." *Understanding one's identity and becoming more comfortable with oneself leads to improved self care and reduced HIV risk behavior.*

Shame and isolation as a result of having a socially stigmatized identity may contribute to alcohol and drug use. One TG individual said, "The sense of being isolated and rejected by society...the shame and pain involved oftentimes leads to the use of drugs and alcohol, which then gives permission to go out and get involved (sexually) with other people." *Alleviating this shame and isolation through personal and community empowerment helps to prevent alcohol and drug abuse and risky sexual behavior.*

Search for affirmation in the crossgender role may interfere with negotiating safer sex. I was told by a TG that, "I think [that] finally getting to a place of having someone being with you sexually

as a woman and wanting to do that might undermine someone's judgment if someone doesn't want to use a condom. It would be like, well, maybe it isn't that important... You look so good, you know. And they think you look so good and it's just great. I think that happens a lot." *Alternative ways of affirming one's TG identity and learning sexual negotiation skills are critical.*

Both as customers and as sex workers, those TG people who participate in the sex industry are at risk for HIV. Another TG person said, "I have a friend that gets drunk and likes to party and go home with guys, pick up guys for money. There's two reasons it's dangerous: she can catch the disease, and if straight people think she is transsexual, they might even kill her. And in my opinion she should practice safe sex, but she doesn't." *More outreach to TG sex workers and improved access to condoms and lubricants is desperately needed.*

The unique physical identities of TG and transsexual individuals may complicate talking about sex. TG and transsexual bodies may differ from non-TG people's bodies. For example, TG people include women with breasts and penises and men with vaginas, and the neovagina generally does not lubricate in and of itself. *These physical realities need to be taken into account and affirmed, and open communication should be encouraged.*

Sharing needles while sharing hormones presents great risk for those who experiment with hormones obtained from friends or from underground sources. I was told by another TG individual, "As one person stated: I just found out there was somebody giving people hormone shots for a certain amount of money and I thought: My God, she's giving all these people shots...is she taking care of her needles?" *Injection needles should never be shared, and access to hormone therapy under medical supervision needs to be improved.*

How can HIV infection and transmission be prevented?

HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, attacks the body's immune defense system and can lead to AIDS. HIV transmission requires direct contact with another person's body fluids: Blood-to blood (for example through sharing needles), semen (vaginal, anal, or oral sex), vaginal fluids (vaginal or oral sex), and maternal-fetal (childbirth and breast feeding). Therefore, never share needles, and always practice safer sex.

Mutual masturbation is NO RISK, provided you don't use your partner's semen or vaginal fluid as a lubricant.

Unprotected oral sex does carry risk. Use either plain or flavored condoms, or avoid putting your mouth over the head of the penis (lick the side); use a dental dam on a vagina or anus. A dental dam is a square piece of latex; you can also create one by cutting a male condom with a pair of scissors.

Unprotected vaginal and anal sex are HIGH RISK to both partners. Always use LATEX or poly-urethane condoms. Use WATER BASED lubricants; petroleum based lubricants destroy latex.

"When I became a man, I never dreamed I could catch AIDS from a woman?"

Why Do So Many TG's Practice Unsafe Sex?

Knowing it and doing it are two different things. Despite the fact that most people know the above, unsafe sex unfortunately still occurs. Here are eight reasons why:

1. Influence of alcohol and drugs: "I was drunk."

2. Feeling of low self esteem: "I don't care."

3. Lack of assertiveness: "I couldn't insist."

4. Compulsivity: "I was out of control."

5. Infatuation: "I wanted to show how much I cared."

6. Sex role stereotypes: "Real men don't use condoms; real women are not assertive."

7. Fear of loss of erection/ discomfort with condoms: "I can't use condoms."

8. Avoidance: "Just this once won't matter."

Think for a moment in what situations you are most likely to practice unsafe sex, and examine ways in which you can prevent those situations from occurring. Take responsibility for yourself, carry a condom, plan in advance, act instead of react, talk about sex, be explicit, and have fun. Safer sex is fabulous sex!

"Of course, I didn't make him use a condom. I'm a woman-- I just haven't had the operation yet."

What about an HIV test?

The HIV test is a simple blood test that tells you if you have been in contact with HIV. It is reliable for risks occurred longer than three months ago; you need to be re-tested if you engaged in risk behavior within the past three months. Knowing your HIV status can help you have access to medications to help fight HIV and to keep your immune system working.

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Transgender, And The

by Bjo Trimble

Three sexes on the *Enterprise,* Captain Kirk a crossdresser and other TG revelations from Gene Roddenberry's personal liaison!

Most transgender people and *Star Trek* fans are aware of the numerous TG elements in both the original series and its successors. But few know that Gene Roddenberry, the show's creator, originally wanted to have **three genders** aboard the *Enterprise*, but the idea was nixed by the network censors and other powers that be at Paramount and NBC. Roddenberry (often referred to as "the Great Bird of the Galaxy") had a very open mind about sex. He was supportive of gay, lesbian and transgendered friends, and felt that what consenting adults did in the privacy of their own birdbath was nobody's business but their own.

Gene had hoped to introduce interesting alien sex for the original 1966 series. However, the era was sharply divided between hippie free sex, and staunch Puritanism, with the latter still holding the most control.

During that time, networks were held captive by watchdog groups watching out for everyone else's manners and mores. So the network's censors in the Broadcast Standards Departments(BSD) monitored every television script for anything which might conceivably offend believers in the teachings of school and church. Barbara Eden, star of *I Dream of Jeannie*, was not even allowed to show her navel in her harem costume, as the moral fiber of America might be destroyed by the sight of a televised belly-button!

Gene was the first to get around the gimlet-eyed BSD people's belly-button prohibition. He let them watch the "Mirror, Mirror" episode being filmed, with Nichelle Nichols', as Lt. Uhura, navel tastefully concealed. Then he took the censors to lunch. While they ate, Nichelle returned to the set, rolled her gold sash down to her hips and reshot the scene with the offending navel clearly in view. The first NBC was aware that a quite charming brown belly-button showed on *Star Trek* was when they saw the episode screened! Gene got a talking-to, and, knowing Gene, I'm sure he bowed his head boyishly, promised not to do it again and kept his fingers crossed.

However, as early as an episode of the original series, Richard Matheson's "The Enemy Within," there is even a hint that Captain Kirk might be—dare I say it—a crossdresser. When the evil Kirk is badly scratched by Yeoman Rand, he wants to masquerade as the good Kirk and escape punishment. He goes straight to Kirk's quarters where there just happens to be a jar of skin-colored makeup with which he covers the wounds. At no time was the makeup, or why Kirk kept such an item handy in his top dresser drawer, ever explained.

However, "Turnabout Intruder," the last episode of the original series went even further, putting the good Captain through a temporary sex change in a story by Gene Roddenberry and scripted by Arthur H. Singer. It was a fine example of GR's open-minded interest in exploring alternative gender viewpoints. Scientist

Photo: Robbie Robinson

Terry Farrell as Lt. Commander Jedzia Dax, member of a symbiont race who can change sex when they change host bodies on ST:DS9

Star Trek, Final Frontier!

Top: Star Trek Deep Space 9 Crew Members. Photo: Robbie Robinson

Right: William Shatner's Captain James T. Kirk keeps makeup in his nightstand in the "The Enemy Within" and switches genders in the "Turnabout Intruder" episodes of the original Star Trek.

Janice Lester was a Starfleet Academy classmate of James Kirk, but while he became a starship captain, she did not achieve this goal.

Janice despises her own womanhood, and is extremely bitter toward men; she especially hates Kirk. When they meet after many years, she has discovered an alien mechanism for changing personalities. Janice manages to change bodies with Kirk, and tries to take over the *USS Enterprise*.

William Shatner, a good actor if firmly directed, turned in a superb performance as a female in a male body. Instead of the usual movie clichés of flouncing, swishing hips or exaggerated hand motions, he relied on small touches to indicate Janice was inhabiting his body: sly glances, little head tosses, compressing the lips just so, talking back over his shoulder. When Kirk sat down, he did not hitch the front seam of his trousers, as men do. He instead brushed his pants downward in the back, as if straightening out a skirt, a typically female gesture. Janice's final hysteria and breakdown was done in a manner indicating a woman losing control but still trying not to display too much emotion. Both actors turn performances worth watching again and again.

Unfortunately, just as this final episode was scheduled to be aired, former US president Dwight D. Eisenhower died, and the studio decided not to air "Turnabout Intruder" during the time of mourning. Instead, it was scheduled for the next fall, at the beginning of what should have been the fourth season. But there was no fourth season, and "Turnabout Intruder" became the kick-off show for the summer re-runs, giving rise to persistent rumors that there were even more unaired episodes on Paramount's shelf. But, alas, the rumor was not true.

By the time *Star Trek: The Motion Picture* was filmed in 1979, public attitude toward sex was relaxed enough to allow the Deltan navigator, Ilia, to come from a race with pheromones so powerful they affect every male on the *Enterprise*. Deltans file an oath of celibacy, where they cannot broadcast their devastating pheromones, but memories of an earlier encounter with Ilia still affected Commander Decker. Still, this hint of what we mere humans might call promiscuous sexual freedom, even on an alien planet, was considered so titillating in certain parts of the US that the movie was almost not shown in those areas. Only the high contractual price already paid for the film by theaters assured that the Bible Belt got to be titillated as thoroughly as the rest of us.

Years later, sexual mores have gone through several phases, most notably the public acknowledgment of gays and lesbians, and even the realization that some people like to crossdress and others are transsexual. These are still concepts which rattle many people, but others have welcomed the change as a broader view of a better future for all genders, everywhere.

Meantime, Gene Roddenberry got a second chance at a TV series with *Star Trek: The Next Generation,* which was released via syndication and so was free of the heavy handed network censors. And Gene, true to character, took advantage of more lenient, if not totally enlightened, times. Realizing they

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could introduce more sexually- and gender-themed elements into the scripts, he and his writers lost no time in doing so.

In "The Host," Odan, a handsome humanoid male with a sexless symbiote Trill inside him, comes aboard the *Enterprise* for medical help. Though the Trill lives hundreds of years, the humanoids enjoy only a normal life-span, so when that body dies, the Trill is moved to another volunteer host body. Dr. Beverly Crusher fell in love with the very male Trill host, but could not save him from death. Transferring the Trill temporarily to Riker's body created no problem; she spent a night with her lover anyway. However, when the Trill was placed in a female host body, Beverly could not deal with the situation. With the memory of Odan along with her own, the female symbiote still loved Beverly, but the doctor's upbringing made her unable to return that affection, and they regretfully parted. Fans thought Crusher should have been more broad-minded, but most admitted that her reaction is consistent with her character.

Even more poignantly, Commander William Riker meets an appealing alien female, Soren, in "The Outcast" and fell in love, though her society is androgynous and gender preference is not allowed. Non-conformists who persist in gender preference undergo a type of brain-washing that cures the problem. Since Soren begins to act female, she is to be tried and cured. Riker almost violates the Prime Directive in trying to change the situation, but the J'naii society is too rigid, and Soren, after treatment, is no longer male or female. The alien renounces Riker, and he sadly returns to the *Enterprise*. Jeri Taylor's episode was shocking to many, and the *Star Trek* offices got many letters pro and con. Taylor felt the script was a commentary on the tragedy of intolerance.

With *Deep Space Nine, Star Trek* writers and producers were able to go even further in exploring the significance of gender with the creation of science officer, Jadzia Dax. Dax is a Trill symbiont host. The Trill inside her is over 300 years old and has inhabited both male and female humanoid bodies through the centuries. The space station commander, Benjamin Sisko, knew the Trill when it was hosted by Curzon Dax, and still refers to the lovely spotted Dax as an old man on occasion.

In "Rejoined," Dax meets a former Trill spouse who now inhabits a different host body. Both Trill hosts are now females, but this does not prevent Dax from remembering their past male-female love and wanting to resume it again. Disobeying all rules that Trill hosts may not contact, much less resume former relationships, Dax aggressively attempts to seduce Lenara Kahn, who is fearful of punishment, but compliant to the urges of their former affection. They embrace and solidly kiss on the mouth, and the collective gasp from certain parts of the viewing audience may have been responsible for a tornado or two!

Jonathan Frankes as Commander William Riker falls in love with a member of an androgynous race (Melinda Culea as Soren) in "The Outcast" episode of ST:TNG

Terry Farrell, who plays Dax, said in an interview that the script made her uncomfortable, but being a professional actress, she could not draw back and had to give the story everything possible. So when the kiss came, Terry gave it full open-mouth treatment, one lover to another. Prescreening reviews and a *TV Guide* mention of the up-coming episode generated a storm of mail for the *Star Trek* offices from the type of people who don't have to see or read anything to know it is bad. The surprise was how many positive letters came in, congratulating them for being brave enough to show a same-sex kiss!

But Dax is only one crew member. What about other transgender, lesbian, gay and bi- crew members on the original *Enterprise* and its successors—where are they? Gene Roddenberry's answer was "Everywhere." Just as one cannot usually walk down a street and pick out homosexuals or transgenders, Gene held, they should not have lights over their heads on *Star Trek* or other sci-fi shows and movies. One clueless gay viewer soul suggested that gay *Enterprise* crew members wear lavender pips on their uniforms! Others suggested that gay couples hold hands as they walk down a passageway, but Gene pointed out that we never see heterosexual crew members holding hands on the *Enterprise*.

Where will all this lead *Star Trek and* other TV sci-fi series in the future? Talia Winter, the first mind-reader on *Babylon 5* was originally supposed to be a bi-sexual psionic, according to actress Andrea Thompson. She was to have a three-way sexual involvement with both Commander Susan Ivanova (Claudia Christian) and Security Chief Garabaldi (Jerry Doyle). However, possibly at the request of the show's financial backers, the Talia character was written out of the series.

Star Trek, The X-Files, Babylon Five, The New Outer Limits and their contemporaries continue their attempt to explore our understanding of gender and its significance, just as literary science fiction does. Meanwhile, in some part due to these shows, the times, though they never seem to produce results fast enough for those living in them, "are a changin'." And as a result, there is hope for recognizing all genders, all preferences, and best of all, all differences, someday in the future. ♋

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The 10th Annual IFGE/Minnesota Pride Convention

As Seen in the TG Press

Photos: Mariette Pathy Allen

"It's pretty hard to impress me these days. I think I have heard or seen it all. But the IFGE convention really got my attention and appreciation. The convention was well run, and well attended. On Saturday night, they put on an awards show to beat all shows. The most striking thing about the how was that it was the first time I've seen a national convention break out of just high-lighting and honoring our own. They actually gave awards to significant organizations outside our community, organizations that have helped us in our struggle for acceptance and dignity. I want to make special mention of the "Partner's in Diversity Award" to Bob Baker, Executive VP of American Airlines. His award was presented to him by a very lovely transsexual, Michelle Martin, who now works for American Airlines. Mr. Baker then got up and said how grateful he was that American Airlines was the first industry to receive such an award.. When Michelle thanked him for his acceptance, he said, "Why should someone have to feel grateful for being treated like a human being?" People in the audience openly wept! Believe me we have come a LONG way."

Gloria Wright, *Primrose*

"The highlight of the convention was the Awards banquet with a gorgeous drag show put on by the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Ice Castle, featuring lavish costumes."

Winnie Brant, *The Transgenderist*

"The heart of the convention was a program of workshops comprising an amazingly wide assortment of subject titles. Examples: Diane Ellaborn, 'How Group Therapy Can Help Transsexuals through the Process'; Ann Johnson, 'Diversity, Transgender and Categorization'; James Green and Jason Cromwell, 'Identity Formation and Styles of Masculinity'; Richard Docter, Ph.D., 'Coming Out to Family, Friends and Employer'; Walter Bockting, Ph.D., 'HIV/AIDS prevention Program'; Phyllis Frye, JD, 'Be completely Legal without Genital Surgery'; D. Ousterhout, MD, 'Feminization of the Face by Plastic Surgery'."

Gender Talk North

"I can sum up my experience at the IFGE Convention in one word, 'Wow!' The sheer class of the surroundings (both people and facilities), the incredible range of sessions, and the people that I, through a common gender interest, was surrounded by was an experience I'm not likely to forget for a long time to come....The people at the convention were proud of who they were and proud to share themselves with society. I'm sure that as the gender world integrates itself more and more with the rest of the world, the mix that results will be very much like this convention was for me. A lot of very nice caring people doing their best for others. I can't wait until next year's."

Stef Matthews, *Emerald City News*

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"GET OVER IT!"

By Don Narkevic

"Daddy was different. He was always there for us."

The immediate family viewed the body at 6:00 p.m., the public from 7 to 9. When the mother, her son, and her two daughters reached the casket, they knelt down on the kneelers for prayer. Katherine, the middle daughter, started to cry, then stopped.

"There's been a mistake," Edward, the eldest, whispered.

Soft waves of auburn hair framed the face. Roses blushed on cheeks in defiance of death. Powder-blue shadow dusted closed lids as lips declared a loud red. Pink chiffon caressed the body, and woven between polished nails, a fuchsia rosary rested.

"Mr. Oblinger must have said Chapel B, not C," Edward continued as he stood to get the undertaker.

Melissa, the youngest, remained in silent prayer, kneeling next to the casket.

Katherine rose, speaking aloud, "Who is this anyway?"

"It doesn't matter, Katherine. I'll get it straight with Oblinger He'd bury his own wife if her mouth ever stopped moving for more than five minutes," Edward said.

"In that case, she'll never need a plot," Katherine said, reaching for a mirror to apply more make-up. "Dark colors make my skin break out."

"Wait, both of you," their mother spoke as if settling a sibling fight. "Mr. Oblinger did say Chapel C. Come, sit here for a moment," indicating the front chairs. "Missy," the name enough to position Melissa next to her brother and sister. Standing before the three, she began to explain. "Mr. Oblinger did say Chapel C. That's Father," Mother said, pointing to her husband in the coffin.

"Mother!" Edward shouted as he rose.

"Daddy?" Katherine asked, craning her neck to see past Edward.

Melissa sat back, her right leg crossed over the other, her hands folded in her lap.

"Mother, I know it's been hard on you these past few months," Edward spoke as if to an odd stranger, "but you've got to accept the fact. Father is dead, and he's laid out in Chapel B! Edward punctuated the "B" with a stiff arm and finger pointing in the direction of Chapel B.

Katherine ignored Edward, walked to the coffin, looked at the body, and observed, "Those are my earrings. The ones Daddy gave me."

"The same ones," Mother added, "you left behind when you got married."

"Why is that woman wearing my earrings, Mother?" Katherine demanded.

"You didn't like them," Mother explained, "but your Father did. This is your Father. Dad. Daddy."

Edward joined Katherine at the coffin for a better look as Mother sat down beside Melissa, who put her arm around her.

"Dad?" the word peeled slowly from Edward's lips.

"Daddy!" Katherine cried as she turned her head to Edward's stiff shoulder.

While the two older kids stood spellbound at the open casket, Mother reminisced. "We were married forty-two years. Most of them good. My Joey was a good husband. A good man. And handsome!" A half smile bloomed. "One evening, after you two babies were in bed, he up and asked me if he could shave his legs." Mother giggled remembering. "At first, I thought he was joking. So, I said, 'Go ahead. Use my razor.' And he did. Wasn't long after that

he asked to try on a pair of my nylons. Black. He liked black. He looked good in them."

"Mother," Edward interrupted, "are you telling me Father was a faggot?" hushing the last word.

"Watch your mouth, Edward," Mother cautioned. "Your Father was a transvestite."

"A cross-dresser," Melissa translated.

Katherine pulled at her hair trying to make some sense of it. "Daddy liked to dress in women's clothing," Katherine stated matter-of-factly, followed by a whining noise. "Okay," she agreed, "but why does he have to be laid out like...like a Barbie doll?"

"Your father's wish," Mother stated as if that explained everything.

"So he decides to come out of the clothes closet now?" Edward asked, making the same whining noise. "He must be out of his mind! He can't do this. Every person we know in the world will be pouring in here expecting to see Joseph Alderman, not Josephine Alderwoman!"

Melissa rose to calm her older brother, but Edward waved her off and stormed over to Mr. Oblinger's office in back.

"Did you see my Father?" Edward demanded, leaning over the dark desk Oblinger sat behind.

"You didn't like the flower arrangements?" Oblinger asked.

"You know what I mean," Edward glared.

Oblinger leaned back in his swivel chair and agreed, "Yes, I know what you mean." He sighed and continued, staring out the window. "Joey and I go way back. When we trick-or-treated as kids, I dressed up as Daniel Boone. Your father dressed up as Martha Washington. It was cute. In high school, Joe read that Olympic sprinters shaved their legs. That spring he went out for track. He was a terrible sprinter, but he had nice legs. One day, I caught him in our coal bin, putting on some of the make-up Dad used for the bodies. I came this close to turning off the cellar lights just to let him know I was there. But...you know...friends. It doesn't matter," Oblinger said. "Get over it, Ed. It just doesn't matter."

"Well, it matters to me. What will people think?" Edward asked.

Oblinger turned his chair and faced Edward. "Oh, so that's it. You're worried about what people will think."

He got up and walked past Edward as if he were invisible. He opened a door marked "PRIVATE" and proceeded to urinate in a rust-stained toilet bowl. "In a small town, everyone knows everyone's business. They just act like no one knows theirs. I remember hearing once about some boys getting caught knocking over a bunch of tomatoes at St. Mary's Cemetery."

Edward's ears reddened as Oblinger's voice died. The commode flushed. Looking Edward in the eyes, Mr. Oblinger concluded, "I've been around funerals all my life. When it comes to dying everyone cries, if not for the dead, then for themselves. Get over it, Edward. Go back to your sisters, your mother, and your father. Go have a good cry."

Katherine began to cry. "You little shit," she choked, "you're making my mascara run."

Katherine continued to whine as she paced in front of the casket. "I thought Daddy was normal."

"He was better than normal," Melissa explained, "he was different. He was our third parent. Mom played a great mom, and Dad played a great dad. But Dad could also play a mom. Like they say, he was in touch with his feminine side."

"In touch? The man dressed in women's clothes!" Katherine said, pointing to the body.

"Okay," Melissa conceded, "he more than touched; he embraced his feminine side. But he cooked, cleaned, and chauffeured for us. He taught us our prayers, took us to buy clothes, and played a thousand games of tag. Through Girl Scout meetings, piano recitals, and dental exams he remained no farther than his smile.

"Remember when you left Robert, how hard it was on Mom? First divorce in the family. Dad was different. He knew how hard it was on you. Dad was always there for us. Dad was always different. And I'm glad. The least we can do is be there for him when he has to say goodbye."

Katherine began to cry. "You little shit," she choked, "you're making my mascara run."

Hugging her sister, Melissa cried too.

Mother spoke up. "You're not," searching for the right word, "concerned, Missy?"

"One of my first memories of Daddy," Melissa began, "is watching him shave...his legs. Eddie and Katie were already in high school. Daddy didn't think much of it when I'd sit in the bathroom watching him get ready for work. Sometimes he'd be painting his toes red."

Katherine interrupted, "What did you think?"

"I told Daddy he looked pretty."

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Thank you.'"

"So you've known?" asked Mom.

"As I got older, Dad got...cautious. By fifth- or sixth-grade, I knew Dad was different. Before Katie left to get married, she showed me an old jewelry box full of stuff she said she'd leave behind for me, among them a pair of earrings Dad had bought her. After the wedding I ran to her old room and tried on everything. But the earrings were gone. I figured she decided to keep them. I guess Dad got there before I did," Melissa said pointing to her father. "They look better on him anyway."

"You think I did the right thing, Missy?" Mother asked.

"Yeah," Melissa answered, "I would have married him too."

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You can get tested at special HIV testing sites, your doctor, the hospital or the Red Cross. Confidentiality of test results may vary.

What can I do to help prevent HIV/AIDS in my community?

The TG HIV Prevention Workshop was developed as a *model* prevention-education program. A how-to manual to hold the workshop in your community or to use it as a basis to develop a new initiative is available. You can also help by being involved as a TG role model in existing HIV prevention projects in your area. As one of the TG workshop participants stated, "My commitment is I'm teaching more of those that don't know, those that want to know more. I'm teaching the facts." ♋

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The police can stop you and ask you for identification without having probable cause to arrest you. They can frisk you if they reasonably believe you might be armed. Beyond identifying yourself when asked, it's up to you whether to answer additional questions they might ask. The Fifth Amendment protects you against compelled self-incrimination. But if your lack of cooperation annoys them, they may haul you in on some technicality or pretext.

If you are arrested, a search incidental to the arrest, both of your person and your immediate vicinity, including the interior of your car, is permissible (because you might reach for weapons or destroy evidence).

Once you've been arrested, the police will want to help the district attorney convict you. So they will interrogate you. And here is the most important piece of legal advice I can give you: *Shut up. Request legal counsel.* (If you're not paying for it, you won't get it immediately.)

The police may use psychology to get you to talk. They won't be doing this for your benefit, so let me repeat: Shut up. Request legal counsel.

Booking, Appearances and Hearings

Booking is when the police record the arrest, and photograph and fingerprint you. What happens next, and how soon it happens, varies with the jurisdiction and the severity of the charge.

Generally, you will receive some formal notice of the charges against you. Often this will involve an initial appearance by you in open court, and you may be asked to enter a plea. You may be released at this point, on your own recognizance or after posting a bail bond, or, depending upon the nature of the charge, there may be a preliminary hearing concerning whether probable cause exists to hold you without bail.

If (heaven forbid) the district attorney plans to charge you with something serious, you can expect a felony information or indictment (the latter usually approved by a grand jury), and a formal arraignment in open court, where the felony charges are read and you will be asked to enter pleas.

Additional preliminary hearings may occur concerning the indictment's sufficiency or other technical matters.

If the charges are serious and you have an attorney, it's likely that a plea bargain will be discussed some time after the charges are filed. You'll almost always have the right to a trial in criminal matters, but you can expect the state to extract a heavy price (a stiff sentence if you lose) if you choose to exercise that right.

More commonly, defendants plead to lesser offenses.

Let's close this article with the following observation: It's absolutely critical that you understand, before agreeing to plead guilty to any "lesser" offense, what is the penalty for that offense. The district attorney may have little control over the judge. There may be a mandatory sentence.

The judge, the DA, and your own lawyer all may be utterly phobic about people like you. The fact that you are a member of a sexual minority group puts you in extreme peril at the sentencing stage of a criminal proceeding.

Recent events like Sean O'Neill's sentencing hearing demonstrate that to some district attorneys, TG people are mere grist for the mills of their political ambition for easy publicity, and you likely will have few allies. You need to understand precisely what will happen to you if you accept a guilty plea.

We'll discuss some of these subjects in greater detail in later issues. ♋

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based his central character on a DQ friend because he felt none of his female friends knew as much about being a woman as this man did. This extraordinary statement may say more about Puig, a gay man, than it does about anything else. But one branch of psychology would concur in a general way. Gay-friendly followers of Carl Jung believed gay men are more aware than straight men of the female element, the *anima*, in the male psyche. This would explain supposedly female traits of sensitivity, creativity and emotionality attributed to gay men...as well as our media-goddess cults.

In this sense, drags submerge their masculinity to externalize an archetypal woman within. There can be great power in tapping into such an energy; we saw it at Stonewall. But all subconscious forces have their dark side, and the DQ world can be quite sharp of tongue and nails.

But I still insist it's all ultimately about love...having fun, having sex, feeling sexy, helping others and expressing who you are. I believe drag queens know a lot about self-acceptance. Maybe that's why so much of America has embraced *La Cage*, RuPaul, *Prisicilla* and *To Wong Foo*. They show Americans a face of love they have never seen before. We all have closets we need to come out of, whether they're full of sequined clothes or not. ♋

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"No" - (96%).

(Surprisingly, perhaps, several transvestites who said that they had been stopped by the police (usually while driving) said that one of the policeman who had stopped them had later asked them out. Many transvestites claim that their fear of the law (and of having an accident while dressed) means that they drive much more carefully than other men.)

Have you ever had sex with a woman while you've been dressed as a woman?

"Yes" - (55%).

"No" - (45%).

(The number of transvestites who have made love to their wives or girlfriends while crossdressed will probably surprise many—particularly those who, quite wrongly, assume that transvestites are gay. The fact that over half of the survey respondents said that they had had sex with a woman while "dressed" also shows that many women do accept transvestism—and enjoy their partner's dressing.)

Does your partner know of your transvestism?

"Yes" - (74%).

"No" - (26%).

Does your partner approve?

"Yes" - (43%).

"No" - (57%).

Does your partner help you choose clothes, make up etc.?

"Yes" - (37%).

"No" - (63%).

(Wives and girlfriends who know that the men in their lives crossdress respond to it in many different ways. At the one extreme are the women who are disgusted by the very idea of a man putting on women's clothes. If they tolerate it at all, they do so with a bad grace and with very strict rules. Their partners are allowed to dress only at certain times of the week, only in certain rooms and always behind locked doors and with the curtains drawn. At the other extreme there are the women who enjoy their partner's transvestism, who share their partner's pleasure and who see it as adding to their relationship. In between there are as many shades of acceptance as there are relationships.)

How many daytime hours a week do you spend dressed as a woman? How many daytime hours a week would you like to spend dressed as a woman?

Do spend - average 12 hours (range 0 to 168 hours).

Would like to spend - average 70 hours (range 1 to 168 hours).

(It is here that the difference between transvestites and transsexuals becomes most obvious. Although most transvestites would like to be able to spend more time "dressed," and the vast majority of those who are still "in the closet" would like to come out into the open, nearly all of the transvestites who took part in this survey made it quite clear that they did not want to stop dressing as men. For most transvestites, crossdressing is a part of being male—not an alternative.)

In recent years women have quite reasonably claimed the right to do nearly all of the things that men do—and to behave in many traditionally male ways. Women now fight fires, drive lorries, sit in the boss's chair and exhibit emotions which were traditionally regarded as male—and which, in the past, women usually had to suppress. Women can be as tough and as aggressive as men without anyone thinking any the worse of them. And they can wear male clothing without anyone batting an eyelid.

But while women have won the right to exhibit qualities which used to be regarded as "male"—without losing their feminine qualities—most men still don't feel able to exhibit traditionally female qualities.

Although they now have to cope with a world in which women's rights and expectations have changed, most men still hide their emotions from one another and from themselves. And it is the burying of their emotions which results in men suffering so much damage from stress. At heart most men are just as romantic, compassionate and sensitive as most women. Indeed, women tend to be much stronger and more capable of dealing with divorce, unemployment and bereavement than men are.

Most men dare not admit their femininity to themselves—let alone show it to others. They bottle up their feelings and suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease and weak immune systems. As stress becomes increasingly invasive and inescapable, so men suffer more and more from stress-related disorders.

While women have enlarged their role in society (and have, as a result become healthier), men have been pushed further and further into their destructive and damaging masculinity. Men are still taught that they must be heroes. They must perform and succeed to win love and respect. Men who can't cope are weak.

Society has tried to define males and females in harsh black and white tones, whereas in reality the truth is a vast variety of shades of gray. But rules and expectations mean that individuals who do not conform to the strict man-woman dichotomy tend to suffer agonies; feeling that they have failed themselves, their families and society. Many suppress and repress what they regard as odd or unacceptable feelings—with damaging psychological consequences.

Crossdressing has been described as an excursion across gender boundaries. It is probably a healthier and more natural excursion than we realize for it enables a man to show his "softer side." Male freedoms should include the right to express their femaleness, in just the same way that women have fought for and won the right to express their maleness. Anything else is sexist and unfair.

Men should not be ashamed to show their female qualities; they should not be reluctant to let their emotions show, to ask for help and support and to combine traditional male toughness with the soft, gentle qualities which are hidden deep inside.

As someone who has gained great relief from stress by crossdressing and who has been fortunate enough to receive unqualified support from his partner, I was saddened by many of the letters I received while compiling this survey (from those who receive condemnation instead). Women should do their best to encourage their men to show their femininity. These days, it isn't women who need liberating, but men.

There are many practical ways in which men can let their soft, feminine nature surface. They can learn to share their fears and admit to their vulnerability; they can learn to listen to their instincts more often and they can share their feelings with friends. But it isn't always easy to do these things when you've spent decades doing the opposite. And so increasing numbers of men are finding that by dressing as women they can liberate their feminine, gentle side—and (temporarily at least) escape from their aggressive, ambitious, demanding masculine selves.

The benefits of crossdressing are great. Many transvestites get stress relief from their crossdressing. Doctors should consider encouraging some of their harassed male patients to try wearing women's clothing in an attempt to escape from their day-to-day worries.

Sadly, many of those who have found the courage to escape from the stresses of twentieth-century life by putting on panties, bra, stockings and a dress still feel guilty about what they do. Their fear of being found out neutralizes much of the stress-relieving benefit they feel from crossdressing.

It seems to me to be important that those transvestites who feel able to do so should be open about what they do. Transvestism will become accepted only when there is less secrecy. It is too easy for those who sneer or look down their noses to attack crossdressers on the grounds that if they themselves are too embarrassed about what they do to admit to it in public then there must be something wrong with it. There is nothing wrong with crossdressing, but there is a great deal wrong with society. ♋

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I learned how to process film, via black-and-white printing in the lab aboard an aircraft carrier, so that when I came out of the navy at age 21 I had an impressive collection. I started my own photo firm selling ship photos by mail order to collectors around the world, a business I continued after coming to Canada in 1952.

I learned some essentials from these experiences. Everyone needs food, and when it is scarce,as in wartime, the market is at your doorstep and within a small concentrated area. But when one deals in a specialty field such as ship photos, you need a larger geographical market than whatever exists in your own locality. *The point to be remembered here is the need to correctly identify your market and with experience quantify it.*

"Services like home repair are one of four areas in which successful businesses are focused."

Here are some other examples, drawn from the actual experiences of transgendered people who had begun their transition before or during the formation of their business.

Samantha K. had skills as a furniture maker and refinisher. With a small grant arranged through a YWCA plan, she had the rent for a small garage workshop in the suburbs. She knew that there was no shortage of suitable work before she even started. People needed her skills and her quality standard was above reproach. But early success went to her head and she gobbled up work which was beyond her capital resources or skills. Suddenly her house of cards collapsed when a large reconstruction job failed to pay up at completion. She did have recourse with a little legal guidance, but instead she panicked and abandoned a business which could have kept her going for the rest of her working life. *The lesson to be learned here is don't stretch beyond your intellectual or financial capital.*

Winnie L. was well-educated and had a variety of skills. Young and physically strong she found an opportunity to manufacture at home a wood-based product which we will call a "widget." Now, this form of widget quickly proved that it had a small but strong local market which Winnie could fill. However, her living arrangements changed, so she felt she had to mothball the project with the idea of restarting it later. She probably can, but the pity of it all is that she lost the initial impetus which started off so well. What she could have done was to subcontract the manufacturing of components to businesses that would have been glad of the small income the work would have developed for them. Stopping and starting is like chopping and changing, and can be a form of procrastination. This is a business which can still succeed and maybe will one day, but idle equipment and stalled activity will not bring it about. *To succeed, one has to remain focused, and while the project lasts the focus has to be central to almost everything you do.*

Karl H. was not transgendered, but faced even more daunting challenges. He was born as a thalidomide baby with all four limbs badly affected. Karl was a perfect example of someone who could be written off as hopelessly unemployable, but the man developed real skills and had his own highly successful business repairing damaged boat propellers. Though he was only about four and a half feet tall, he could heft heavy propellers like a server in a restaurant hands out plates of hamburger. In an area which had a great many small boats, there was a never-ending supply of damaged propellers for him to straighten out and rebuild. I never knew his exact history, but he told me once that he had learned his trade in an industrial school for the handicapped. In spite of the severest adversity he was able to rise above it all and make an independent place for himself. *This is an example of hope never being lost.*

PICKING THE RIGHT BUSINESS FOR YOU

What kind of self-employment opportunities offer the best chance for you? There are four main areas in which most successful small businesses are focused:

Sales
Service (word-processing, home VCR repair)
Merchandise
Small scale manufacturing

All my life I have known people who turn hobby skills into small, paying businesses. Sit down and assess your own skills. Can you sew? Then how about taking a course in dress making and graduating to owning a suitable machine. A dressmaker I know has turned her entire basement into her work area and now turns out special garments by the score for her store customers in addition to custom dressmaking. She started small like we all have to, and built up from there.

Here are some actual examples of small scale entrepreneurship I have run across over the past several years.

1. A woman in Aldergrove, British Columbia, is a fine and quick knitter. She makes exceptional sweaters and cardigans and has a back list of orders.

2. A woman in Port Hardy, B.C., makes "pictures" out of floatsam like seaborn debris, small bits of wood bark, and dried seagrasses. Glued to a piece of plywood and set in a wooden frame, her art is all laid out according to some inspired design of her own. Coated in verathane, some of her pictures can be seen hanging in every unit of a motel in Port Hardy.

3. A woman in Roberts Creek, B.C., makes earrings and jewelry

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from ceramic tiles and shapes. she fires them in her own kiln, enamels or glazes,adds the clips and places on suitable cards to sell at gift stores.

4. A husband-and-wife team in Gibsons, B.C., has developed recipes for soups, dressings, and other foods. The team uses ingredients to form the basis for many fish dishes. Of excellent quality, the spice mixes come in suitable packages along with directions for use, at all Safeway fish counters.

5. A craftsman in Steveston carves 6-inch-long miniatures of local fishing boats. He adds the masts, trolling polls and a little cabin to create a small simple model which is unique to the west coast. He sells them through gift stores.

Let's take a critical look at some of these businesses. #1 is simple enough. In addition to her creative skills, all she needs is her hands and suitable knitting needles and she is in business. Capital investment is nearly zero.

With #2, there is a touch of genius. Jewelry is always popular. She takes free material off the beach and is only limited by her own self-inspiration. Each tide brings a fresh supply to choose from.

In #3 the owner has built up a complete manufacturing and assembly operation, the only outside contribution being the metal fittings.

As for # 4, food ideas have a ready market. There are home-made jams, marmalades, cakes and pies galore. However, any form of commercial food manufacturing or preparation is usually subject to pure food laws, hygiene being the number one consideration.

The craftsperson in #5 is typical of crafts to be found around the world. I have seen similar items from Denmark and Holland as well as Malaysia.

FRANCHISES

Franchising is a slightly more sophisticated way of conducting small businesses. Today, almost any merchandising or service business can be franchised. Most of the large franchise chains, particularly in fast foods and automotive, are American in origin. Franchisors like McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken and the major oil companies have achieved international success. For a franchisee to acquire a franchise from these larger more successful companies costs plenty and requires high levels of business expertise. They will only go into a location after using complex assessment standards as they avoid dealing in failures.

But beware. The failure rate among the lesser known, smaller names is high. A typical front-end fee might be anything between $10,000 and $25,000, and too often, the smaller franchiser grabs the money, leaving his franchisee to sink or swim by her own efforts. I know this only too well. I tried it and it cost me a bundle for an expensive quickie education in what not to do.

When you buy a franchise you have to be certain that the business concept is completely sound, is bankable and will be continued with full backup service from the franchiser's management. Anything less and it should not be touched. However, if it is a sound franchise, you are in effect buying a newly installed business with a blueprint for operations all worked out. All you have to do with the franchisor's help is make it all work. There are some good books around on this subject that can be found at the local library.

MAIL ORDER

I am a devotee of the mail order business. I've found it to be the best vehicle for me. Ten years ago my own activities in real estate were in the doldrums. I took an interest in the newly developing fish farm industry, realizing that there was a crying need for expertise on the part of a whole new generation of fish farmers. I inquired as to sources of books and at the first opportunity I spread the word that I could get the books and immediately received orders. I insisted on payment in advance because I had to pay my publisher up front. I deducted my markup and thus had my first capital to build on. Very soon I was receiving orders from overseas and the US. Within three years, a kitchen-table business was grossing close to a quarter-million dollars.

From the point of view of TG people, a mail-order business possesses many advantages:

(1) it can be conducted from the home;

(2) it can be very private; your customer is only as close as the envelope containing the order;

(3) it can be started with minimal capital, payment being made to you with each order and therefore avoiding accounts receivable;

(4) you often do not need to carry more than a nominal inventory, and once your credit is established with your own suppliers you can legitimately have inventory in transit to you which does not have to be paid for until you receive it. This is almost like a line of free credit, particularly when dealing in imported goods.

On the other hand, mail order imposes obligations. When the order comes in, you have to be able to supply the goods. To take the order, bank the customer's money, and have no idea as to how you will fill that order is fraudulent. The customer is entitled to delivery within a reasonable time frame, which should not be greater than the time it takes for you to order in the goods from your wholesale or manufacturing source and send on to your customer.

What are the essential ingredients in mail order success? Find items which have appeal, are unusual and which are not generally available through regular retail outlets. For ideas, comb through the mail order ads in magazines and newspapers. If you find that a source dealing in a line which takes your fancy is consistently advertising a product, it is a clue that there is a market for that product.

Or check trade journals put out by the trade departments of foreign governments. They can usually be found in embassies, consulates or trade offices of countries concerned. Suppose you wanted to find trolls put out by Norwegian craftsmen. You will find them listed in a trade directory at a major library, or at the Norwegian consul's office. You can write direct or, al-

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Transmissions

Views & Reviews from the World of Media

Even Seventy-Year-Olds Look Good

Hollywood Makeup Secrets & Bridges to Beauty (video)
by Jim Bridges
(Jim Bridges Salon)
Reviewed by
Alicia Carla Longstreet

Unlike many make-up videos, the colors in *Hollywood Makeup Secrets* were vibrant and the lighting excellent. This video had a very professional look and feel about it.

Using Virginia Prince as a model gave real perspective on the quality of Jim's ability. Anybody can produce a beautiful person when they begin with a 25-year-old model who is pretty to begin with. Only Jim can produce a beautiful woman from an elderly model. Jim gives viewers before and after comparisons, enabling the viewer to get the full impact of his work.

Jim's explanations of his techniques were most complete, allowing the viewer to generalize from the specifics of what Jim was doing to their needs.

Jim neatly explains why theatrical makeup is NOT a good idea for everyday use. Although Jim's opinion is in conflict with other makeup artists, his explanation makes it intuitively clear that he is right.

Jim is good at describing all the products available, even though he sells his own line of makeup. Several of the other videos did not ever mention any competing products, and this poses a problem for people who could not obtain the products being sold by the video.

Jim also provides a detailed discussion of colors and which are best for which skin tones, as well as how to apply them. He also goes into accessories, and how they affect the overall look.

One thing Jim did not do was show or describe the brushes, applicators and other tools being used. A good description of the tools needed to do a professional job is very important.

Also, it was sometimes difficult to tell what Jim was actually doing. The camera was often in the wrong position, and sometimes all we got was a view of Jim, blocking the action. Also, Jim had a tendency to continue talking and explaining even when he was facing the model rather than the camera. This made his explanations some times difficult to hear and hard to follow.

Bridges to Beauty was the best of all the makeup videos seen by this reviewer so far—highly recommended. Jim Bridges is certainly extremely knowledgeable about proper and effective makeup. Here, he shares his in-depth knowledge of makeup, explaining the how, what and why of his actions. This makes it simplicity itself to generalize the techniques and lessons.

Bridges to Beauty is a must for every person who wears makeup in everyday life. The results Jim obtains are amazing. At one point a genetic girl friend who watched it with me felt that Jim must have used a camera trick to obtain the results displayed. We rewound the video and replayed that part to find there was no trickery involved. ♋

For CD's, By CD's and of CD's

The Man In The Red Velvet Dress: Inside the World of Crossdressing
by J.J. Allen (Birch Lane Press)
Reviewed by Cally Nichols

For the active crossdresser there is an awareness of a community and sub-culture which is not evident in the literature on crossdressing. The clinical researcher or talk show interviewer probes the person, but they miss the connection to the culture. J. J.. Allen got it, not surprising since he has been active in transgendered support groups in California for years.

Allen writes in a male voice, which may surprise some readers, but it gives his story authenticity. This book is a fast read. After some introductory sections it's more like a virtual reality ride through the TG community. You find yourself strapped in the seat, viewing the big screen. You get hurled into the hotel rooms, shopping malls, night clubs, the B&D scene, and even the thrift shops. At the end of the ride, like a dear friend, Allen carefully unbuckles you and warns you that if you really want to do this, you must be very careful.

He covers the entire CD landscape in just over 200 pages skipping through the various scenes just long enough to get the flavor of the action. The book also includes photographs of well-known CDs with a variety of styles.

Before the tour, though, Allen prepares us by answering the big question, "Why?" Then Allen offers nine reasons, with some perspective on each. He also breaks down eleven categories of crossdressers, which serves as a road map for the discussions that follow.

Allen covers the range of experiences known only to crossdressers, from the leather fetish to the first brush with a silk slip. Allen can be critical of his own kind. In one chapter titled "The Black Lace Prison," he warns that our self-centered behavior is self-defeating and dangerous, with vivid examples.

The Man in the Red Velvet Dress is not always politically correct. For example, Allen offers a thoughtful and philosophical argument on the concept of a man becoming a woman. On other sex and gender issues, he offers challenging questions for insiders and outsiders to the community.

The stories, so important in this genre, are the vehicle to view the crossdresser's world. They are recalled with a tenderness only a crossdresser would understand. But there is also comic relief with a few satirical skits aimed at some TG institutions. Although Allen notes that a high percentage of the crossdressers are heterosexual, he unflinchingly reveals the sexual experimentation that so often goes with the territory.

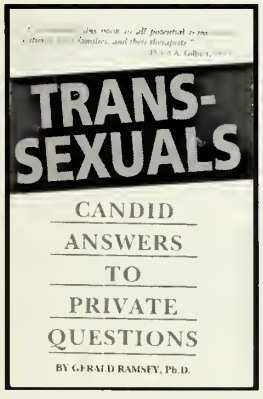
There will be a familiar ring for members of support groups to the sections on the conflict between CDs who claim it's purely a dress issue and those who claim there's a sexual side

to crossdressing.

Allen questions the absurdity of equating anatomical sex with gender and dress. We of course heard these arguments, but Allen draws parallels to the women's movement which protested the notion that their gender prescribes a code of dress and behavior.

This book comes at a time when more CDs are joining support groups and stepping out. Allen encourages this trend and provides a list of groups. But he warns us that crossdressing requires work, especially when an SO is involved. He shuns the role of victim so often given to gender dysphoric people, and emphasizes the stance of responsible people seeking their true seves.

We crossdressers could improve our public image, and more importantly, our self-image by heeding Allen's warning: If you want to wear heels, you need a sense of balance.



Everything You Wanted To Know About Transsexuals But Didn't Know Who To Ask

Transsexuals:
Candid Answers to Private Questions
by Gerald Ransey, Ph.D
(The Crossing Press)
Reviewed by Vivian D. Allen

Gerald Ramsey is a psychotherapist who has been working with a gender committee evaluating and counseling transsexual patients for nearly twenty years. He knows whereof he speaks. The book is a series of questions answered with reference to his experience with and knowledge of transsexual patients (with particulars modified enough to protect their privacy).

The first half of the Introduction is a sensitive and accurate painting of a pre-pubescent transsexual struggling with the impossibility, not to say apparent insanity, of daily life. He then adds in the denial denying reality of puberty. The sketch is right on the money. The second half of the Introduction recounts his meeting with his first transsexual patient, a male-to-female, to be evaluated for the transsexual program. He goes into the waiting room expecting a drag queen, a very effeminate gay man, a slightly femmed up male, or something completely different, but certainly not a woman. Guess what? There were only women in the waiting room. He returns to ask his secretary where the patient is. She tells him it is the woman in the white dress. There happened to be two women in white dresses, so he went up to the less good looking one and introduced himself. Turns out the transsexual was the knock out blond with tasteful makeup and an engaging smile. The first bump in Dr. Ramsey's learning curve is when he says to himself, "That's no transsexual. That's a woman." The book takes off from there.

The questions it poses range from the global, What is gender dysphoria? What is a transsexual? to the specific, How does a surgeon build a penis? What are some of the risks and complications [of sexual reassignment surgery]? The answers run a page or two in length and are both clear and specific.

The appendixes include the Gender Identity Disorder listing from the American Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM, iv),* the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's "Standards of Care," and short lists of articles dealing with hormone therapy, female-to-male surgery, and male-to-female surgery. There is also a short bibliography for those interested in more detailed answers to the questions asked in the book.

In his Epilogue, Dr. Ramsey reviews what he has seen and learned over the past twenty years, and what he expects will happen in the future. His last citation is of a female-to-male transsexual who was about to have sexual reassignment surgery at age 61. When asked why he was having the surgery done, he replied, "I have lived an incomplete life too long. I want to leave this life a complete man." That is also an accurate summation for this book.

This book is recommended as a valuable reference both for the general public and for helping professionals.

A Well Intended Public Service Message

The Dual Alliance
by Stephanie Castle
(Perceptions Press)
Reviewed by Cally Nichols

We have certain expectations for a novel about transsexuals. Expectations such as conflicting feeling, struggles with family and friends, and the search for one's self. Stephanie Castle puts all the elements in place for such a story. We have Mario, a baker and a good Catholic, and his friend Paul, the lawyer who is alienated by the religious fanaticism of his wife and turns inward to confront his own feelings.

Castle develops the family history of these two characters at the expense of their early transgendered experiences. We know about their parents and grandparents, but in the 147 pages there is no mention of their early yearnings. Instead, as Castle has it, out of stressful experiences their transsexual urges suddenly reveal themselves.

Paul and Mario talk about their predicament, but never explore their inner feelings. The story unfolds like a documentary. We view the "battle" from a distance, as through a telephoto lens, and never see the pain that must certainly have been experienced by the characters. Castle is clearly attempting to share her personal experiences with the reader, but you feel she's holding back her deepest feelings as she writes.

When Paul and Mario meet, en femme, we are waiting for the rush, the hugs and tears, but they never come. The dialogue is tedious as they plod along together to become Paula and Maria, hence the "dual alliance." Even sex reassignment surgery is discussed with about as much anticipation as going blonde. We never sense the crises building in their lives. It is resolved, but we see it coming one cliché at a time.

There is a missed opportunity for surprise and turn around when Mario's brother, a priest, confides in him that he is gay. I'm not really giving anything away, as the author leaks this out too soon for the surprise to have much impact. In the other chair, Paul's hoping he won't have to sacrifice his law practice, but his associates "research" the law and Paul never has to make a drastic life-style choice as many transsexuals do in reality.

All novels contain a certain amount of informational content, but here, in the middle of lunch, the characters lapse into a lecture on transsexualism that sounds like a public service message about the dangers of asbestos. This book is begging for an editor or at least one more rewrite (make that two). The transsexual's story is an important one for the depth of feeling and self-revelation they experience. This is what they can share with us, and this is what is missing.

(All the books and videos reviewed above are available by mail order through the IFGE bookstore, Synchronicity. For a free catalog, contact: IFGE PO Box 229, Waltham MA 02254-0229; fax (617) 899-5703; e-mail IFGE@WORLD.STD.COM.)

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life offers. She is an intensely sensual being, and I might say she is a woman. If you utilize the birth-gender definition, then "she" is really a "he" with male genitalia and heterosexual desires.

Corrinne (not author of article) and CD husband David. Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

Yet in allowing the femme side of Vanessa out, she begins to encompass the mannerisms, the very being of womanhood into all of this. It is not an affectation, but instead a metamorphosis from the male side of Matt (who is intensely male) to a feminine, light-hearted female. With Vanessa it is not a put-on, but a natural movement of spirit within one body.

Linda says, "I believe that Vanessa is, by definition, a heterosexual male who is transgendered beyond simple crossdressing, and who also, in doing so, in her mind, becomes a woman. At that point, her attraction to women becomes much like that of a lesbian.

"I realize that this can be perceived as a rather peculiar assessment of my partner, but I can't put up walls to hide behind so as to protect me from the truth. So many of us women tend to do that when we look carefully at our transgendered partner.

"One of the most prevalent statements I have heard over the years is, 'If I make love with him while he is dressed, will I be a lesbian?' I hear it repeatedly. Each time I do, I can't help but feel that society, as a whole, continues on its homophobic path, as well as judging people solely on their sexual preference. It is a sad statement of fact that we live in a country which was settled in an attempt to escape oppression, only to develop our own oppressions and bigotries. Nonetheless, social influences over the years against homosexual behavior are well embedded in the minds of so many people, and the idea that one might somehow be involved in a homosexual relationship is a frightening and appalling situation to some women.

"The fear that by making love to their husbands/partners while they are crossdressed somehow transforms the female partner from a heterosexual female to a lesbian is totally wrong. Perhaps I can illustrate why I believe this to be a misnomer by openly explaining what happens to me when I make love to my partner when he becomes Vanessa.

"My partner is physically a male from birth. He has all the sexual organs that any male has. Yet sexuality far exceeds what he has physically. A penis does not a man make, anymore than a vagina a woman makes. A woman's uterus can be removed, as can her breasts. Does that make her any less a woman? Certainly not. Thus the fact that my partner has a penis does not make him only male.

"Sexuality is in the mind, not in the sexual organs. When my partner, a gender male, puts on feminine attire, it does not remove his male organs. He remains a gender male. That alone should be enough for me to understand that despite what he is wearing on the outside, he nonetheless retains his male gender. And so I, a gender female, am making love with a gender male. That dispels any idea that I am engaging in lesbian lovemaking. Instead, I retain my heterosexuality.

"What if a woman finds her partner's crossdressing while making love attractive? If she feels attraction to his femme side, does this transcend his male gender, and bring lesbianism to the fore? Again, I think not. I will be very open and honest in admitting that I find making love with Vanessa a major turn-on. I find her femininity, her dressing, very arousing. I want Vanessa around. I am constantly finding new things I want her to do, or new ways in which to act. This enhances my sexual experience. I miss her when she doesn't come to visit. I cannot deny that Vanessa exists; I cannot push her aside and limit my attraction simply to Matt. I find Matt extraordinarily attractive, yet, I find Vanessa to have a kind of excitement that takes me over the edge. There are times when I only want Matt to make love; yet I find more and more that I want Vanessa there. Does this make me a lesbian? I think not. I am a woman in love with her partner, encompassing all of her partner, the femme and the male, and learning to enjoy and nurture all of his/her sexual nature.

"The bottom line is that I am deeply in love with all this person is, including the femme persona named Vanessa. I want all of this person; it is the entire person who gives me happiness. Were I to segment this person, I would never receive the fulfillment, the feeling of being loved, that I feel now with both Matt and Vanessa. I feel very much a woman—desired, desiring, and very much in love with my partner.

"I present to you a woman who is opening her heart and her privacy to try to give you an understanding that it is okay to love your transgendered partner, and that no, you do not lose your sexual identity if you make love to him when he is dressed as a woman. Our sexual identity is an intensely personal part of ourselves, and it cannot be taken away or destroyed simply because our partner is transgendered.

"Making love to *her* can be an extension of the pleasure you find with *him.* Sensuality and sexual feelings are not sinful or wrong. They are gifts given to us by our creator, and when utilized in a loving, committed relationship, there is no gift more beautiful or special. Vanessa is just that to me—a beautiful and special creature whom I love and want to be with. I find nothing sinful or wrong in that. To me, it is all that is right in this world, my world."

[A somewhat different version of this article by Vanessa and Linda Kaye appeared in Life with Vanessa *ã 1996.]*

When TG's Love TG's: The Transcendent Option

Holly Boswell

Once you've found your sense of "gender," what about relationships? Are they even possible—the real ones, that is. Until you know who *you* are, almost all relationships will he doomed—at least, the healthy ones.

Relationships—primary coupling, or even true friendships—are challenging enough without being transgendered. Many of us find ourselves embarking on, or already involved in, a relationship with a heterosexual person. This is usually more than difficult—it can be heartbreaking, for both. Even in the lesbian/gay community, we are seriously misunderstood and avoided.

A newly "out" M2F crossdresser told me she was worried about someone making advances to her if she went to gay bars. I reassured her, "Don't worry. The gay men won't want you—you're not exactly the man of their dreams. The lesbians won't want you—they're looking for a 'real woman,' and you're totally un-PC. Let's face it, nobody wants us." I had intended this as a comfort, but immediately realized the sad irony.

Few people seem able or willing to take on a transgendered partner. Those who do usually do so in spite of our status. Even if we lie about our transgenderism, it's merely a cha-

rade that forces us to live under the constant threat of discovery and betrayal.

Because of heterosexist conditioning, we tend to neglect other realms of humanity that might actually be equipped (beyond their good intentions) to love us for who we are: other transgendered people. Think about it...

It's very problematic for us to date, or to maintain a marriage with a heterosexual person. Will they ever understand us?

Ultimately, we must be ourselves, but what about that critical relationship choice between "birds of a feather" and "opposites attract"?

At a Southern Comfort seminar on "dating between transgendered people," one participant spoke movingly of the unexpected blessing experienced by a transgendered person who found herself in a relationship with another transgendered person who told her, "It's okay, baby. I understand you. I accept you. You're home now."

There was also an amazing story from an F2M: "We met and fell in love as lesbians, and were strongly committed. Then I transitioned as an F2M. I loved us being a straight couple. Then she came out as an F2M, too. I resisted at first, but now we're living as two gay men. Our love has carried us through."

When transgendered people transcend the polarization of gender, challenging monosexual norms, it's only natural that we find our deepest connections with others who do the same. How else can our spirits be fully complemented and loved?

And we must remember to love our transgendered and bisexual counterparts as fully-gendered, fully-sexed so that we can meet each other's needs as well as our own. If we are to discover our own unique desires and gifts and share them in healthy, balanced and fulfilling ways, we must continually look beyond heterosexist models. We, and our loved ones, deserve true happiness.

Talk about transgender love and transcendence! The key lies in honoring and loving our own diversity.

Once I attended a groundbreaking workshop where bisexuals were confronted by lesbians and gays. There was so much misunderstanding, distrust, pain and hostility. Bis are generally mistrusted and viewed as fickle by lesbians and gays. Bisexual women told heartbreaking stories of entering lesbian space to try to meet their girlfriends, only to be turned away repeatedly. Gay men, too, were derided for any commerce with bi lovers because they were "less than committed."

This rift is deep, and the critical tension seems to be between *monosexual* (heterosexual, lesbian and gay) and *bisexual* (transcendent). It's apparently a case of "either/or" vs. "both"; or of loving only one part of humanity versus all of it.

As transgendered people know all too well, having only an "either/or" option can be extremely difficult, if not impossible. As the only transgendered person in that workshop, I pointed out the possibility of transcendence.

For instance, when a mononosexual person asked a bisexual person, "How could you be *with* the other?" I pointed out how people might ask me, "How could you have ever *been* the 'other'?"

When transgender is considered, categories were quickly becoming meaningless. And yet most of us have our own biases—despite our flirtation and experimentation—to be with either a man or a woman. Is this due to imprinting, karma, advertising...? What are the dynamics: biology, emotion, intellect, culture, spirit? What does it matter when we still subjectively know who and what we love? Ultimately, true love sees no gender. Love sees only love.

When a butch lesbian desires a feminine lesbian, it's technically homosexual. But erotically, isn't it heterogenderal? From this point of view, a butch lesbian with a M2F transgendered person would also be considered a heterogenderal relationship—or heterosexual if pre-op. Two fem lesbians could be seen as having a relationship that is both homogenderal and homosexual. Two hermaphrodites who swap both sex and gender roles would be...Well, the need to categorize gets a little silly and overgeneralized, doesn't it?

It's been said that most people are naturally bisexual prior to being socialized. Like the old joke, "What's the difference between a heterosexual and a bisexual? Three drinks!" Perhaps one of the functions transgendered people have in this world is to reawaken that potential—without the alcohol.

If a bisexual person desires both males and females, must this always preclude monogamy? Or are they destined to swing on a gender pendulum of serial relationships? Or might their dilemma be solved in a relationship with a transgendered person? This way the inherent conflicts in the bisexual/transgender dynamic can be both embraced and transcended. The possibilities are tantalizing. After all, we've been called "Nature's 2-for-1 sale."

As you come to know yourself and feel ready for a loving relationship, hang tough. Hold out for honest understanding, acceptance and appreciation. Be prepared for someone who may be different than you expected. Exercise patience and flexibility.

Hold to your truth—whatever that may be—and cut through the limbo of wishful, unfulfilling romance. Be yourself, love yourself, relate to all others from that place of truth and love, and real connections will be possible. Nothing else really matters. ♋

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ternately, some trade groups have special facilities through which you can inquire.

MARKET YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

Marketing is often the greatest challenge to the small business, particularly those that are selling craft-style goods. For the entrepreneur there is potential here if one can find the right product lines. The craftsperson frequently hates selling and wants to be left alone to his/her crafting. This creates the need for marketing outlets. The primary market for such products is invariably the curio and gift shop at spots where tourists congregate, but from the entrepreneur's point of view, she or he must be sure that the manufacturing source (i.e. the craftsperson) is reliable at all times.

When you are in business, you have to constantly study and stay on top of your market. Be alert for market trends, and be the early bird in seizing opportunity. Above all, don't be afraid to approach suppliers or customers, even if you are transsexual. I seldom consider it for more than a second or two, and no doubt some people think I am a bit of an oddball.

But who cares? If you have something people want and value, their view of you will be mostly based on their assessment of your integrity and reliability. Whether you wear a skirt and makeup is secondary. My motto is therefore: "Who the hell cares, I don't." I know I put out a good product, supply an honest reliable service and pay my taxes. That's all that should concern the rest of the world.

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lier) in America. Some examples: "A Curious Married Couple," *Fincher's Trades Review*, July 25,1863; "Another Female Soldier," *Fincher's Trades Review*, Aug. 22, 1863; "A Woman-Husband," *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1776."

These individuals were often referred to as transvestites. It is speculated that the term "transvest" was first used as a verb in this 1652 quote from the book *Die Transvestiten* by Magnus Hirschfeld: "How often did she please her fancy with the imagination of transvesting herself, and by the help of a man's disguise deceiving the eyes of those that watched her deportments?"

Hirschfeld further lists many American women who crossed-dressed, cross-worked, and, in some instances, were lesbian. Some of these individuals include:

Loreta Velasquez from Cuba, who served in the Confederate army as a male and was romantically involved with a Union officer—an anonymous "girl from Brooklyn."

John Wilkinson, an anatomical female who enlisted as a sailor on the American battleship, *The Vermont*, whose physical gender was discovered in 1907 while bathing.

Deborah Sampson and Lucy Brewer West also passed as men in the US military in the late 1800s.

As previously mentioned, "patriotism" was a factor that led some women to live as men, but undoubtedly that wasn't always the only reason. However, explaining to a court room that one crossdressed in order to fight for the love of country as opposed to because one feels "right" in the male role is definitely an explanation that would have gotten less scrutiny.

A highly publicized account of "two married women" can be traced back to 1884. Dr. James G. Kiernan of Chicago wrote in a medical journal the story of the "female hunter, Long Eddy" (Lucy Ann Lobdell) and her wife. "She (the unnamed wife) grew up a beautiful girl, but when about 17 years old she seemed to have an inclination to wander about. She displayed a great liking for boyish games and attire, but a repugnance to suitors."

The girl met Lobdell in a Pennsylvania "almshouse" after which they lived in the woods together as husband and wife. Lobdell assumed the name "Joe" and provided for his wife in manly custom. Later they moved to a family farm where Joe was introduced as the husband. "One day suspicion was aroused that 'Joe' was a woman in disguise, which on investigation proved to be the case. The uncle was so indignant that he caused her arrest. She was imprisoned for four months, during which time the 'wife' visited her and carried delicacies to her. At length neighbors in the vicinity of the lawyer's home prevailed upon him to have the young woman released. When she came out of prison she lived with her 'wife' again."

According to the biography, *She Rode with the Generals*, the life of Sarah Emma Evelyn Edmonds revolved around "transvestism and homosexuality." Edmond's cross-working and crossdressing began as a child. The urging of a female pirate captain spurred Edmonds to embark on an adventurous life. Beginning in 1856,at the age of fifteen, Edmonds lived as Frank Thompson and became a successful book salesman in the Northeastern United States. When almost

Loreta Velasquez en femme.

twenty-years-old, Thompson enlisted in the army as a male nurse. His military career is said to have involved spy activity in which Thompson allegedly "posed" as a female—a Victor-Victoria of sorts. Edmonds later became the only "female" war hero allowed to belong to the Grand Army of the Republic. Late in life, Edmonds married and had several children. However, Edmonds was said to have continued a penchant for wearing men's boots.

This is another of the hundreds of instances involving "women passing as men" in the military. From Civil War records alone, it is plain to see just how many women joined the armed forces. According to *Doctors in Blue; The Medical History of the Union Army*, by George Washington Adams, over four hundred women were said to have fought and dressed as men in the Civil War.

Other earlier accounts of transgender individuals can be found in some American Indian cultures. The "berdache" or the "twin-spirited" were usually men, but sometimes also women, who lived in the role of the opposite sex—apparently for innate reasons as opposed to any financial needs, for love, or for war.

In some tribes, a special ceremony initiated a young girl or boy into berdache status. The women would wear men's clothing—or a mix of men's and women's clothing—participate in "men's work," such as hunting, healing, match-making and riding alongside (but not actually fighting with) the warriors in battle. They also took a holy role in tribal rituals.

Back in "the dark ages," medical professionals and scholars did not seem to know what label to put on the berdache. In Leslie Spier's 1930s work, *Klamath Ethnography*, he described berdaches as transvestites and non-crossdressing lesbians.

The special category that the berdache represented could be found in one hundred thirty different Native American clans, and roughly thirty tribes are said to have had a special status for female berdaches, but little is really known about them. It is known, however, that the Mohave called women who took on the male role "hwame."

In contrast to most other cultures' lack of tolerance toward the transgendered, in many Amerindian tribes, the berdache were not only socially accepted, but also revered. For they were seen as having two souls, and thus being especially wise. The Mohave and the Navajo, for example, revered them.

According to ethnohistorian Walter L. Williams, they were often described by Native Americans as "half-men, half-women." From his voyage down the Mississippi River during 1673-77, Father Jacques Marquette wrote of his encounter with the berdache: "They are summoned to the Councils, and nothing can be decided without their advice. Finally, through their profession of leading an Extraordinary life, they pass for Manitous—that is to say, for Spirits or Persons of Consequence."

Like transsexuals, the sexual orientation of a berdache had nothing to do with their preferred gender role. Neil Miller wrote in his book *Out of the Past* that occupational pursuits and social behavior, rather than whether one was attracted to members of the same sex or not, determined who was berdache.

Neil Miller found that as young girls, female-to-male berdache, hwame, were said to "discard their dolls and to prefer boys' tasks and games." The girls also had a rite of passage to take before being heralded a berdache. If they passed their test, they took a masculine

name, donned boys' clothes and were taught the same skills as the boys in the tribe.

When they got older, hwame were expected to marry women and continue living in the male role. In his book, *The Spirit and the Flesh,* Williams found that the institution of the berdache was customary throughout the continental United States, except in the Northeast regions and among the more violent or warlike tribes such as the Klamath, Apache, and Comanches.

However, not every tribe looked up to their berdache members. In part, as Leslie Spier wrote, "Transvestites or berdaches are found among the Klamath as in all probability among all other North American tribes. These are men and women who for reasons that remain obscure take on the dress and habits of the opposite sex. Their number is small. Five men who have lived as women were cited by an informant, two women who lived as men, and others are known... [It has been] assumed that such individuals are invariably psychologically abnormal, homosexual; I am not sure—at any rate their abnormality is socially canalized: they are permitted to live as they desire despite the distaste of the normal Klamath for the practice, and the scorn and taunting" to which they were subjected.

Williams speculated that the Europeans infiltration of America was the main cause of the demise of the berdache. In particular, he surmised that the arrival of the missionaries forced most of the berdache to head underground. Miller agrees, stating that the Spanish extended their brutal excesses of the Inquisition to the New World, and were "eager to wipe out indigenous traditions," primarily because berdaches married persons of the same anatomical sex. This association of berdaches with the sin of sodomy gave the Spaniards a specific reason to destroy them.

In the old West and Great Plains of America, Indian agents of the US government also tried to eradicate the berdache as they attempted to acclimatize Native Americans into European culture. As a result, the berdache had all but completely disappeared by the twentieth century. Those that did remain eventually lost the respect and sacred status of the traditional ways through what Miller says was the influence of missions and boarding schools upon the Indian people.

In the late 1940s, anthropologists found that the few remaining Navajo berdache—a tribe that had traditionally held them in grand esteem—were all middle-aged and older, secretly living as berdaches for fear of ridicule from "the white man." As decades passed, even many Native Americans began to view berdaches as deviant.

However, according to Miller, a resurgence of traditional culture began among the new generation of Native Americans in the 1970s and '80s, leading to a rediscovery of the berdache: "Many gay Indians—who had become urbanized and taken up more modern approaches toward being gay—began to search for their cultural roots. They saw berdaches as role models, even if they weren't gay in the contemporary sense."

No matter how they are perceived, the berdache illustrate how certain societies looked at individuals—who today would probably be deemed transgender or homosexual—with affirmation, rather than stigmatization, giving them significant and divine cultural roles.

The Europeans' modernization of society also brought on an appetite for the medical and scientific understanding of the human mind. With this desire for greater knowledge came the opportunity for more people to openly talk about themselves, and this created a better historical record for us to look at.

Sarah Edmonds En Femme

Although it should be noted that most women of earlier eras who expressed "masculine" personalities and lifestyle were often labeled "lesbian," as the terms transsexuality, transgender, and gender dysphoria were still not in existence. This tended to narrow the examiners' understanding rather than augmenting it.

One such recorded case in the United States involves a German immigrant who successfully passed as a man until he was apprehended by police for alleged kidnapping. In 1908, according to Edward I. Prime Stevenson (Xavier Mayne, pseud.): "A pertinent case occurred lately in the city of St. Louis, in the United States of North America. Through the statement of a local physician, a type-setter in the town was taken into custody, when employed in the office of a local journal, on a charge of abduction and as being a woman, though known as 'Johann Burger.' The facts were soon clear. Anna Mattersteig was her real name. She was thirty years-old.

"She was living matrimonially with another young woman, Martha Gammater, the daughter of a Leipzig jeweler, and had so lived before they came from Germany. Then, but apparently not earlier, Martha Gammater had discovered that she was not the partner of a woman, but of a veritable man. The shock had made the wife insane. At the time of the arrest, she was in an asylum. Anna Mattersteig appeared in court in full male attire, and looked like a fine-appearing man. She disclaimed any intention of contravening the law, in respect of her impersonation and of the abduction (for such it had been) of her companion. She declared that she had assumed the role simply because she 'felt herself wholly like a man' and was sure that only by a mistake of Nature had she come into the world at all otherwise. She 'would suffer any penalty' rather than wear women's apparel."

According to author Jonathan Ned Katz in his book, *Gay American History—Lesbians & Gay Men in the USA,* the presumable illegality of Burger's male "impersonation" is "the first time such a juridical issue has been mentioned." But it certainly wasn't the last.

Even today, with all of the educational and political strides the transgender community has made within mainstream society, transgender male Sean O'Neil was recently arrested and indicted in Colorado on eleven counts of rape and for the "criminal impersonation" of a man. The latter charge was for his alleged engagement in consensual sex with women without revealing his "female" genitals.

The concluding installment of this two-part series chronicles the modern history of the F2M movement.

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Things Are Getting Better for Trans

Alison Laing

Thirty years and thirty pounds ago, when I was out on a rare but pleasant shopping trip en femme, I actually had to outrun a police officer who seemed to have a special interest in who and what I was. A similar incident happened a few years later when I was on vacation in a crowded tourist town. More recently, and over the last three years, I was stopped four times for apparent traffic violations (I do a lot of traveling!), but in all but one case I "sweet talked" my way out of a ticket. While I am sure I look better now than I did back then, I doubt that my passing ability under close scrutiny is that much better. I just think things are getting better.

Ten years ago, I was horrified that someone would "read" me whenever I was out and make some sort of issue over my attire. Now, I go pretty much where I please with confidence. Again you may say, "That is because you are more confident," but again, I do not notice the stares or the teenagers' "cat calls" that I used to get. I really believe that things have just gotten better for transgendered people.

Of course, one of the first things people say when I claim this is, "Are you sure that it's not just you?" And if it's not, is there any way you can measure this trend?

Well, for one thing I believe we can get a good indication by looking at how we are portrayed in motion pictures. A quick review of popular motion pictures shows that there has been a trend over the last few decades toward portraying TG in a better and more accurate manner, as well as an apparent increase in frequency. This trend however has not been without some backlash. Rebecca Bell-Mettereau in her book *Hollywood Androgyny* writes, "Mainstream culture became more aware of alternate sexual orientation through a growing public alarm over the AIDS epidemic. Economic changes affected families and career choices, and the increasing number of women in the work force altered the way people defined career roles for women and men. The feminist movement was influential in opening up wider possibilities for both genders, but it also encountered a strong backlash movement. At the same time films like *Tootsie* were capitalizing on actor and audience fantasies of men being better men by becoming women, mainstream America was gearing up for a new version of the old macho."

But nevertheless, there still seems, to the hopeful TG, that there is a positive trend of social acceptance. In the 1959 movie *Some like it Hot,* two musicians donned drag to hide from gangsters. While this was a popular movie, neither of the musicians appeared to be true transgendered individuals. *I was a Male War Bride* provided another example of a leading man being forced to don women's clothing unwillingly. Ditto *Tootsie* and *Mrs. Doubtfire,* where Dustin Hoffman and Robin Williams both play men who dress as women in order to achieve a specific goal and not because they were TG. Both did have a positive transgender theme, however, since crossdressing in both cases seemed to result in making the protagonist a "better man" for having been a woman.

Except for a few cult movies, such as *Christine Jorgenson* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show,* and perhaps a couple others, it was not until the *Crying Game* that a truly transgendered person was presented in a mainstream movie and in a somewhat positive manner. Then in quick succession came *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar,* whose lead characters were gay crossdressers (drag queens). These movies seemed to have achieved a great deal of public acceptance. And were quickly followed by *Bird Cage,* an Americanized remake of the French *La Cage aux Folles,* whose enormous success serves as an indication of the acceptance that crossdressing is beginning to experience with mainstream American audiences.

In 1992, the British released the film *Just Like A Woman,* based on a true story of a transvestite, published as *Geraldine*. Both film and book offer a positive, realistic portrayal of a heterosexual CD. *Brain Candy,* one of this summer's releases, includes crossdressed young men in an almost casual as well as positive manner.

All of this is heartwarming to those in the TG community. Apparently all the exposure, for better or worse, on talk shows, in movies, soap operas, prime time dramas, at TG events and at Gay Pride activities nationwide has made TG better known. If it is not yet respectable, at least it is much more acceptable.

At one time, I and many other transgendered persons were obsessed with being able to pass in order to be accepted by the general public. Now, all that is necessary is to not be too outlandish. Many of us look toward the day when someone might may say, "There goes another crossdresser or transsexual." And the reply will be "So what."

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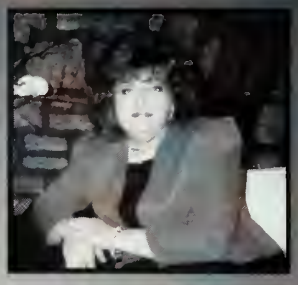

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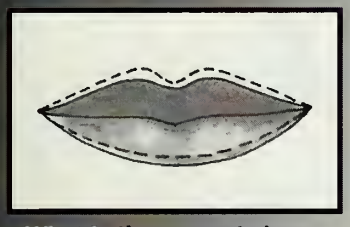

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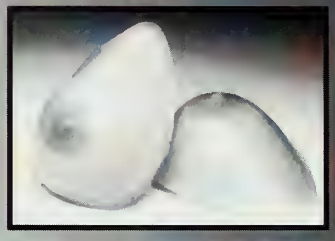

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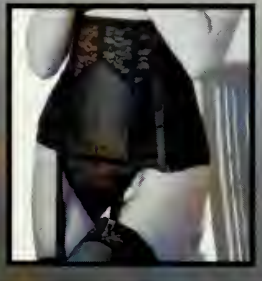

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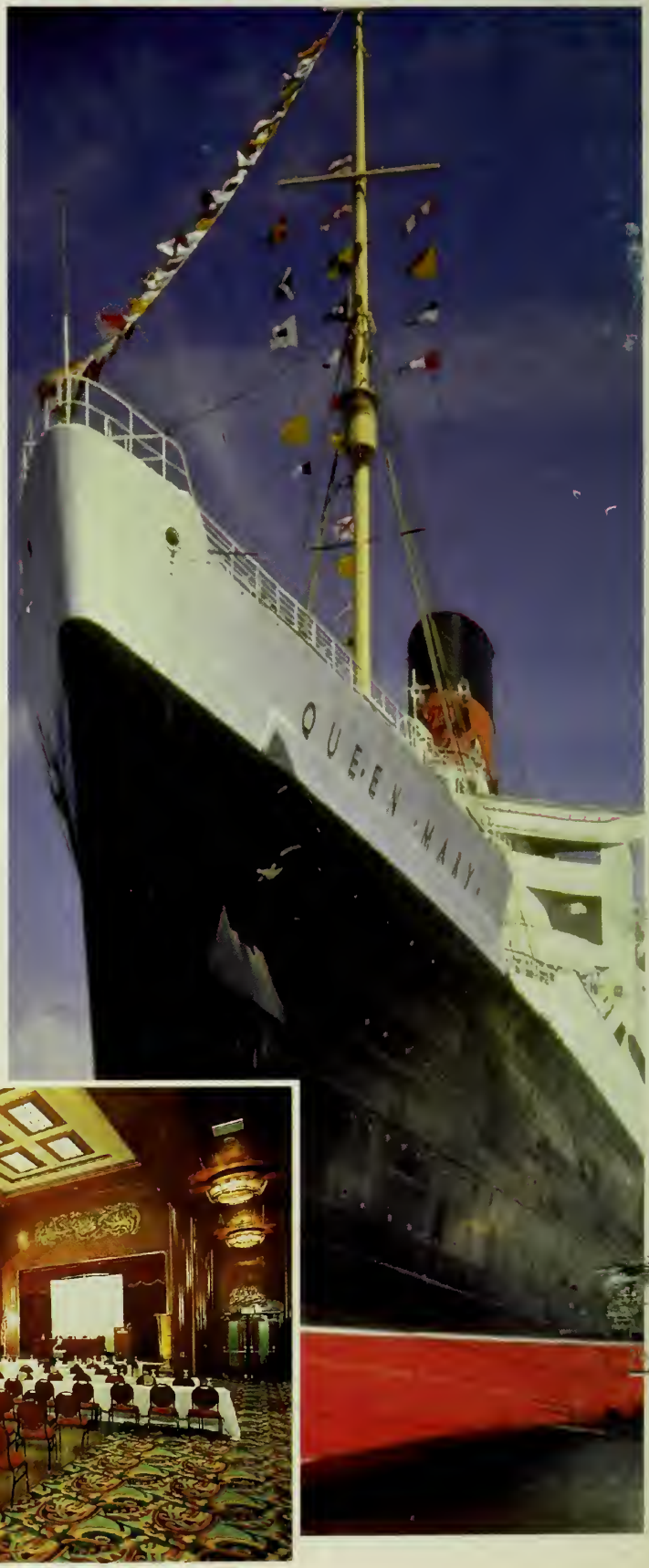

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